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Supervisors provide additional funding for Village View Park

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

On May 26, the County of San Diego's Department of Purchasing and Contracting advertised a construction contract for Village View Park. The bids exceeded the expected amount as well as the project's budget, so the San Diego County Board of Supervisors approved additional appropriations for Village View Park July 19.

A 4-0 vote, with one vacant seat, approved an additional \$3,486,566 of funding for Village View Park to bring the total budgeted amount to \$13,695,566 including construction, a limited contingency, inspections, cultural and environmental monitoring, and project management. The supervisors' action also found that the environmental Mitigated Negative Declaration the board certified in October 2021 did not require any updates.

"It's moving ahead, and we're thrilled about that," said Fallbrook Planning Group chair Eileen Delaney.

"I'm glad that the park is now considered fully funded," said Stephani Baxter, who chairs the Parks and Recreation Public Facilities Committee of the Fallbrook Community Planning Group.

"This is exciting for Fallbrook," Baxter said. "The people of Fallbrook are so ready for this park."

In March 2020, the Board of Supervisors approved the purchase of 6.8 acres of land on the south side of Fallbrook Street between Morro Road and Golden Road for use as a local park. Input from three

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2023 homeless count released, solutions offered

A.C. Roberts
Special to the Village News

The homeless count for 2023 is in for Fallbrook and Bonsall; this year there are 19 unsheltered in Fallbrook and 88 in Bonsall. Last year there were 25 in Fallbrook and 78 in Bonsall. [Note, Bonsall's number combines Vista and Bonsall's homeless.] The count is taken each January on a single night by Point-In-Time.

In the North Inland Region, which consists of Fallbrook, Bonsall, Vista, Escondido, San Marcos, Poway and Ramona, there are 438 unsheltered homeless in 2023. In 2022, there were 339.

"This federally required count is of the minimum number experiencing homelessness. The challenge of finding every unsheltered person in a car, encampment or under a bridge is impossible," said Chief of Staff Jordan Beane, Regional Task Force On Homelessness (RTFH).

Beane added, "It will take a lot of municipalities, as we need more shelter space. It's a housing problem first and foremost. San Diego County is the third most expensive market in the country."

This is the first year a head count could be done on Caltrans properties. The lot across from the Fallbrook Post Office on South Mission Road is owned by Caltrans. Homeless persons break the fence and camp there. Although they leave every time they're told, they return, breaking the fence again. In the past, they damaged some Caltrans equipment.

Private Investigator Anthony Campbell said, "Some homeless left Fallbrook and Bonsall and went to Escondido, thanks to the free hotel vouchers." Campbell, owner of AC Investigations, helps homeless persons reconnect with their families.

"Last week, two new guys showed

up whom we've never seen before," said Campbell. "Sheriff deputies and HART (Homeless Assistance Resource Team) talked to them to see how to get them on their feet again.

"HART and the deputies are real helpful in town," continued Campbell. "They give resources and tell the homeless about Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous."

In June, there was a Town Hall meeting on homelessness at the Fallbrook Public Library. Supervisor Jim Desmond told the crowd, "We are working on solutions throughout North County, including putting in more Crisis Stabilization Units (CSU)."

CSU's are walk-in urgent cares for those with mental health issues. They're open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, located in Vista, Oceanside, Escondido and Chula Vista. They can be reached through the county's Access and Crisis Line at 888-724-7240.

The Town Hall was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Attendees were encouraged to check the Chamber's website for groups working to become part of the homeless solution. For more information, go to fallbrookchamberofcommerce.org under Community Information.

People Assisting The Homeless (PATH) is on the Chamber's website. They have specialists who discuss options for homeless housing and drug addiction resources. Counseling will be offered Aug. 10 - 31 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For the location, contact Kevin Wagner at kevinw@path.org or 619-204-7689.

Brother Benno's offers recovery programs at 3260 Production Ave. in Oceanside. Residency is dependent upon an interview, and has some requirements. Breakfast is served and sack lunches are offered. To learn more, call 760-439-1244.



An unsheltered person keeps his belongings with him as he makes his way south on Main Avenue in this photo taken in March. Village News/Courtesy photo

The City of San Diego hopes to slow down their growing encampments with an 'Unsafe Camping Ordinance,' which goes into effect Saturday, Aug. 5. It bans camping within a two-block radius of schools, homeless shelters and transit hubs, and in any open areas like public parks, canyons and riverbeds.

To report local encampments

and non-violent offenses, call 760-451-3100 or email team.hart@sdsheriff.org. To report graffiti, call the Sheriff's Reporting Hotline at 760-451-3144. For the county's Health and Human Services Agency, call 2-1-1. They give referrals for housing, food, employment assistance and physical and mental health resources.

Rising political tensions in Fallbrook School District

Pendleton parent urges parental involvement in school board debates after concern over gender-expansive book

Avalon Hester
Village News intern

Across the country, school districts have become a heated battle ground for rising political tensions. National debates about book bans, LGBTQ rights and representation, and other issues are being taken into school board meetings around the U.S., and they've recently arrived in Fallbrook.

A Camp Pendleton resident and father with children attending San Onofre Elementary got involved with the Fallbrook Unified Elementary School District school board when his third grader's teacher read the class an illustrated children's book about gender expression outside the gender binary.

The book, "My Shadow is

Purple," is a rhyming illustrated book about a child who feels different because their shadow is neither blue, like their dad's, or pink, like their mom's, but purple. The colors of the shadows are intended to represent the gender binary and the stereotypes applied to both genders within that binary. The child in the story expresses their confusion. "Some tell me I'm blue, because 'Only blue can be strong,' but my mom is strong too, so I think that they're wrong. Some tell me I'm pink because 'Pink's the most caring,' but my dad's always crying, and loving, and sharing." The child asks, "Why can't I love sport, and dancing, and trains, and ponies, and glitter, and engines, and planes?"

The book culminates in a school dance, where the child, who attends in a skirt made by their mom and a suit made by their dad, feels forced to leave after the dance floor is split into pink and blue shadows. This prompts other children at the dance to come forward and say "My shadow's yellow, which, to me, feels like love!" or "My shadow's as brown as a grizzly bear." Finally, every child professes a different colored shadow, "My shadow is red, mine's silver, mine's green, mine's violet, mine's orange, mine's aquamarine." The last line reads, "Whatever your color, start dancing, have fun!"

To this San Onofre Elementary father, this book and its message were inappropriate for his third grader. He told the school board at the most recent meeting Sept. 17, "We hope that when our kids go to school they learn math and

ELA (English Language Arts), the other stuff is up to me as a father to teach."

"My Shadow is Purple" is not new to this kind of controversy. In defense of a teacher in Georgia, who faced termination after reading the book to her elementary school class, Scott Stuart, the author of the book said, "It's a book of acceptance and inclusion," and added "we need to be supporting teachers, not vilifying them."

The teacher who read the book to their third grade class at San Onofre was placed under investigation, and the parent who reported the incident was told they were placed on paid leave. However, while he was reviewing the Routine Personal documents for the school, he found that the teacher in question was being given a special assignment at a STEM investigations lab. Prior to this discovery, he said he was not updated on the status of the investigation.

"All children should respect each other, they come to school to learn," said the father, "but I do not need teachers taking liberties outside of the curriculum and without their principal's approval, to read things that are contrary to my beliefs on Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton."

This conflict was the catalyst for this Camp Pendleton parent's increased involvement in his children's education, pushing him to use his voice and regularly attend local school board meetings, something he urges other parents to do as well.

His frustrations were driven by concerns over lack of agency in

how FUESD board members are selected, especially since military members on Camp Pendleton cannot vote in local elections without declaring California as their official residence - something that many military members aren't able or willing to do considering their frequent moves. This Camp Pendleton father urged other military parents to "get involved and advocate for their children," given that some elected school board members run unopposed, "They just show up. No real action, no real results."

He addressed the school board at the most recent meeting with the goal of redirecting focus towards improving test scores in the FUESD to be more competitive with state averages. According to the FUESD Local Control and Accountability Plan, "Spring 2022 CAASPP (California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress) proficiency in ELA was 50% for all students and 34% for all students in Math."

Upcoming school board meetings can be found online at www.FUESD.com under the Board Meetings tab, and the next meeting is scheduled for Aug. 7. Parents can also join the meetings remotely through a link on the website. Recent agenda items discussed at school board meetings included the Local Control and Accountability Plan, a budgetary plan that prioritizes parent and community input, contract agreements for high level administrative employees, reports from the Interim Superintendent and other important issues.

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Brave Books to host book reading at Fallbrook Library

FALLBROOK – The community is welcome to attend the Brave Book reading Saturday, Aug. 5, from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Fallbrook Library community room. The event will involve a book reading by teens for younger

children, with adult supervision.

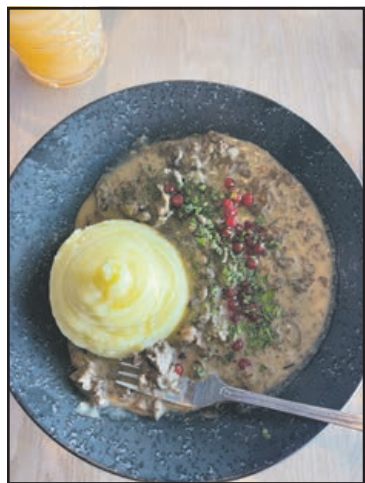
The reading is part of a movement led by Kirk Cameron and BRAVE Books, which have been visiting libraries and holding story hours across the country to teach children about faith, hope

and love.

For more information, contact organizer Sarah Springston at freedom-lioness@proton.me.

Submitted by Brave Books.

DON meeting to feature program on Sami people



Food from the Sami people will be part of the DON program on Aug. 12.

FALLBROOK – Daughters of Norway Hulda Garborg Lodge #49 will meet on Saturday, Aug. 12, at the Fallbrook Woman's Club, 238 W. Mission Road. The meeting

starts at 10 a.m. and the program at 11 a.m. This month, May's presenter, Helen Westerlund, will return to continue her talk on the Sami people.

The Sami people of Norway are commonly known as Laplanders and reindeer herders in the U.S. The Sami are the only indigenous people of Scandinavia and have faced significant hardships throughout their history as a people. Besides continuing her

talk on the Sami people today, Westerlund has also offered to cook some Sami food to add to the group's usual potluck lunch.

Any woman of Scandinavian descent, or married to a person of Norwegian birth or descent, is eligible to join the lodge and is invited to attend this meeting. For more information, email Sheryl Zinsli at szinsli865@aol.com.

Submitted by Hulda Garborg Lodge #49.

NCSDDRA on fighting child trafficking

OCEANSIDE — Guest speaker Joseph A. Travers will speak at the next North County San Diego Republican Assembly meeting. Travers is the founder of Saved in America and he will inform the group of the child trafficking crises. The meeting will be held

Monday, Aug. 7 at 6 p.m. at the new meeting location, Pit Stop Diner at 3825 Mission Ave, Suite D1, Oceanside.

Submitted by Fallbrook members of North County San Diego Republican Assembly.

Wine & a Bite Art Walk 2023 dates



Alison Jarnagan, left, receives a glass of wine from Twin Oaks Winery owner Malcolm Gray inside Space oneTEN during a 2021 Wine & A Bite Art Walk.

FALLBROOK — Residents can mark their calendars for two fun Fridays for 2023, Sept. 8 and Dec. 8. Guests will taste, stroll and nibble their way in Historic Downtown Fallbrook during this year's Wine & a Bite Art Walk. Featuring food and wine from local restaurants and wineries, all tastings are included in the price at each stop. Wines are served in a keepsake wine glass.

The Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce is gathering commitments from venues, restaurants, wineries and artists to ensure another great time for all participants.

The ticket price for Sept. 8 is

\$25 per person in advance, \$30 at the door and designated drivers are \$15. The regular ticket price increases to \$30, \$35 and \$20 for the Dec. 8 date.

Anyone wanting to participate can stop by the chamber office, located at 111 S. Main Avenue, or call 760-728-5845 to register beginning Aug. 8 for the September date. Online registration for Sep. 8 will also be available beginning Aug. 8 on the Chamber website, www.fallbrookchamberofcommerce.org. No refunds, rain or shine.

Submitted by the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce.

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virtual public meetings that year was used to develop a conceptual plan. The planned amenities include play areas, a picnic area, a multi-purpose field, an open field, a skateboarding facility and an off-leash dog park. The restrooms will be shaded to reduce energy use and mitigate heat effects. The 68 planned parking spaces include three stalls meeting Americans with Disabilities Act standards, and parking for five bicycles is also planned. More than 100 new trees will be planted, and gardens with native plants will provide local habitat for wildlife. The park will also have multi-use trails.

In October 2021, the county supervisors voted 5-0 to authorize the director of the county's Department of Purchasing and Contracting to take the necessary actions to advertise the project for bid and award a contract, to designate the director of the county's Department of Parks and Recreation as the county official responsible for administering the construction contract, and to adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program. At the time, the estimated cost was \$2,397,000 for construction with another \$360,000 for design and environmental review expenses, and \$145,000 for project administration, permitting, inspections and monitoring. The acquisition cost for the Village View Park land was \$1,172,000.

Although the advertisement for bid was authorized, the county's parks department continued to refine the design of the park in collaboration with the community while the construction documentation process was being completed. The request for bids was not issued until May 26.

Higher construction costs led to a low responsible bid of \$10,775,070, which was higher than expected and exceeded the project's budget. When construction contracts are awarded, the budget includes a contingency which allows change orders without the need to increase the budget. County staff initially increased the total construction cost including contingency to \$13,234,566 but reduced the contingency to provide a total cost of \$11,344,566 including a limited contingency.

Park Land Development Ordinance fees are collected from developers to fund park improvements in the area of the development. Developers have the option to dedicate parks instead of paying PLDO fees, and a combination of park dedication and PLDO fees is also potentially acceptable. A 2018 revision to the PLDO separated park land

acquisition fees, which can only be used for the acquisition of land, from park improvement impact fees which must be used to develop new park facilities or rehabilitate existing facilities. If in lieu fees are paid, that funding can be used either for land acquisition or for facility development or rehabilitation. A December 2022 Board of Supervisors action appropriated \$1,000,000 of Fallbrook area PLDO balance for Village View Park, and the July 19 action adds another \$625,664 from the Fallbrook area PLDO impact fund and \$28,323 from the Fallbrook area PLDO in lieu fund.

The additional PLDO funding depletes the Fallbrook area account. "That will grow back. It will just take time," Baxter said.

The other \$3,832,579 of additional funding was transferred from the budget of the San Luis Rey River Park. Constraints will prevent those projects from proceeding in the near future regardless of funding availability. The constraints which must be resolved before construction on the San Luis Rey River Park projects can proceed include land acquisition, ongoing environmental review and completion of prerequisite projects. Once those constraints have been resolved, funding for the San Luis Rey River Park will be restored during a future Board of Supervisors budget process.

The postponement of the Twin Oaks Local Park expansion and improvement project previously allowed for \$2,285,000 budgeted for that project to be transferred to the Village View Park budget. Village View Park is in a census tract in which 81% of residents are considered low-income or moderate-income, so the park is eligible for Community Development Block Grant funding and \$2,122,000 of CDBG money will be used. The Urban Greening Program is administered by the California Natural Resources Agency and supports infrastructure projects which reduce emissions and provide other benefits, and the county has received a \$1,000,000 Urban Greening Grant for Village View Park. A separate \$1,200,000 Statewide Park Program grant was also awarded; that program funds projects which provide park and recreation opportunities in critically underserved areas. The county's 2019-20 budget included \$582,000 for the construction of a skate park in Fallbrook and later that year the supervisors accepted a \$20,000 donation from Fallbrook Skatepark, Inc., for a future skate park; that \$602,000 will be applied to Village View Park.

Village View Park is now expected to open in December 2024.

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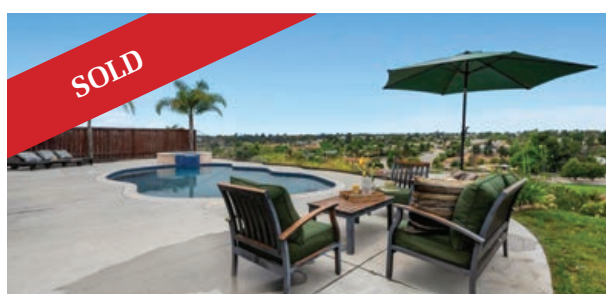
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OPINION

Self-driving cars?



Supervisor Jim Desmond
5th District

Recently, I was able to tour Waymo, which is an autonomous driving technology company

owned by Alphabet Inc., Google's parent company. Waymo is similar to a self-driving Uber. Though it was a bit eerie getting in a car that didn't have a driver, I was really impressed by the safety and convenience of the process. The way it works is using an app (similar to Uber), you summon a car and enter your destination. Once the car picks you up, you put on your seatbelt and press go on the screen.

One of the most impressive things about Waymo's technology is the extensive testing and safety measures in place. We don't want to admit it, but humans cause the majority of accidents. A recent study done by Waymo showed over a million miles driven and only two accidents with their cars,

both of which were caused by the other human driver.

The Waymo vehicle easily reacted to yields, four-way stops and other scenarios it encountered. During the tour, I learned about the various components that make up the technology, including sensors, cameras and advanced software that enables Waymo's self-driving cars to navigate through complex environments seamlessly.

I believe that autonomous driving technology like Waymo's will transform the way we travel and create safer and more efficient transportation options for people around the world.

Let me know what you think about driving cars and if you would like to see the technology expand.

Stevie wonders

Steven Schindler
Special to the Village News

Do you remember when the utility companies and retail stores had actual neighborhood customer service offices, counters and on-site departments? And there were human beings there? And you could go up to them with a bill or letter in your hand and show it to them and ask things like, "What does this mean?" Or "Why was I charged for this?" Or "I had canceled this service months ago, so please stop charging me." And most of the time, the human behind the counter would say things like, "Oh, there seems to be a mistake here, let me correct it." Or "Let me call someone right now and get to the bottom of this." Or perhaps, "I'm terribly sorry for this inconvenience, I'll remove this late fee."

Sounds crazy, right? Now, things are a little different. Customer service has become customer avoidance. First of all, there's a new hidden, top secret, mechanism to get in touch with the company. You must go online, search through layers and layers of tabs, pull downs and screens, until you feel like Super Mario chasing mushrooms and gold coins jumping through hoops to achieve the next level. And what is that secret key that will unlock the mysteries of contacting the company? The customer service phone number.

OK, now you've got the phone number; here comes the fun part. You punch in the numbers and hear this: "Please listen to all the menu options because some of the options have changed." Do you really think that they think you remember the options from last time? Of course not. They just want you to prepare yourself for the hell that is about to take up the next hour or two, or more, of total avoidance, misdirections, hang-ups, transfers and callbacks that never happen, which could drag on for days, weeks or even months. I know because it has happened to me many times.

Then comes, "Your call is important to us." Really? Is that why I have to listen to a list of menu options that are longer than the phone information line at a 25 screen multiplex movie theater with 25 different movies playing every two hours?

Next, comes information that will have you screaming louder and longer than a roller coaster car load of teenagers on the SeaWorld Electric Eel's first drop; "Your wait time will be (pause)... 3 hours and 37 minutes." Be sure to tell your family members in other rooms that everything's OK, and you're not being attacked by an ax murderer.

After you've waited 3 hours and 37 minutes, rejoice. You hear a different distorted rendition of some electronic noise that means something is going to happen. What will it be? Another recording telling you to descend into the next

level of hell in Dante's Inferno, because a representative will soon be with you? Or perhaps another message asking you to return to the main menu?

But wait, you hear a voice. A human voice. Hallelujah! Your long journey is about to end, and all your problems are about to be solved. That is until you realize by listening to the one-syllable replies to your questions that the person on the other end of the line who picked up your call is a total moron. You explain your problem from the very beginning, reading from your notes and the dozens of emails and letters you've received, due to their error, which takes about 20 minutes to explain. You pause, waiting for a reply, only to hear one of the following: Hold on while I transfer you; Distorted music again or the most dreaded sound of all, the hang-up click. Now it's back to square one.

I've battled with a certain cellphone/internet company – one of the many companies on the "horizon" – for weeks at a time. After following their instructions to a "T," I still received threatening emails and letters, telling me I owed \$375 for a piece of equipment I had returned, in the box they provided, with the label they provided and sent back the same day I received it. I argued for weeks with MLB.TV and an internet provider for being blacked out of games because even though I live in San Diego County, my internet provider's server was in Los Angeles County. Huh? I know, I know.

Are you on "auto-pay" for some subscription services? Good luck when you want to "un-auto" that one.

My wife kept getting told her order would be delivered any day now, for weeks and months, until an email said – surprise – the company had gone out of business months ago, and she was lucky because there's a class action suit and she might get half of the money back. Just fill out these 10 forms.

Here are a few phone calls that will elicit more screams than "The Return of the Texas Chainsaw Massacre:" airlines. Medicare. Social Security. your healthcare provider billing department. your computer/laptop/internet/cellphone company/streaming service tech support department. And countless other companies who have devised systems to make you work for a resolution to any problem no matter how big or how small, until you just finally give up. Is it due to incompetence or is it a new business strategy?

If you want to feel better about screaming, cursing and losing your cool while calling these customer service avoidance departments, just search on YouTube for "Angry People vs. Computers." Parental discretion is advised due to language, violence and sheer stupidity.

Steven Schindler's latest novel is "Fallout Shelter."

Supporting local firefighters



Assemblymember Marie Waldron
75th District

Local fire departments are essential for public safety. By responding rapidly to wildfires and other emergencies, they save countless lives. Ensuring they have the means to perform this critical task has been a big priority for me in Sacramento.

Through recent budget cycles, I have obtained almost \$14 million for fire agencies in many parts of San Diego County. For example, I acquired funding for the Rincon Fire Department for a new brush fire apparatus and other badly needed upgrades. Just last week, I was invited to a community ceremony inaugurating the Valley Center Fire Protection District's new brush fire apparatus, purchased with funds I was able to secure from the state budget.

I obtained these funds when California's budget picture was much brighter, with surpluses in

the billions. But this session, despite California's current deficit, I was able to secure funds for both the San Miguel Fire Department in East County, and North County Fire, serving the Fallbrook area. The two districts will each receive \$500k, to be used for new fire stations and future upgrades. And in previous budget cycles, I also secured millions for the Deer Springs Fire Protection District, North County Fire and the San Marcos Fire Department, for new stations and safety enhancements for firefighters.

Last week in Pala I participated in a ceremony recognizing the new partnership between the California Office of Emergency Services (OES) and the Pala Fire Department, establishing a historic mutual aid relationship between the state and a tribal fire department. Though this didn't involve a funding request, I supported this important agreement in the Assembly. As a result, a new brush fire engine provided by OES will be stationed in Pala to serve that community and surrounding areas.

As your Assembly representative, I do all I can to make sure our local fire fighters have everything they need to do their jobs safely and effectively as they risk their lives saving ours and keeping our region more fire resilient.

Assemblymember Marie Waldron, R-Valley Center, represents the 75th Assembly District in the California Legislature, which includes the cities of Poway, Santee, portions of the City of San Diego, and most of rural eastern and northern San Diego County.

FPUD hosts Waterwise Workshop

The Waterwise Workshop held Saturday, July 22, at Fallbrook Public Utility District was a great success. Mick Cothran, Roger Boddaert and Mike Madewell were all very well spoken and knowledgeable in their fields.

Water conservation, while enjoying the diverse vegetation we are so blessed to have in Fallbrook, is a challenge. Whether you are looking for a fresh start to replant your water thirsty landscapes, have irrigation concerns or want to learn more about plants in general, you have great resources available through these workshops.

We talked about ideas for future topics, and I hope you'll join us this fall, when another is already being planned. Fire safe landscaping, alternative hardscape and drought tolerant plants are only a few of the ideas for future workshops. Join us and help develop this into a community resource.

Thank you, Mick, Roger and Mike for your valuable presentations.

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Jeremiah 17:5-8

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Re: 'Exposing the two faces of Bidenomics' [Maynard letter, Village News, 7/27/23]

Mr. Maynard has outdone himself this time. His pseudo-analysis of Bidenomics consists entirely of unsupported allegations designed simply to muddy the waters.

Here's a sampling of Bidenomics: what President Biden has actually done for lower and middle income citizens.

Signed the American Rescue Plan Act in March 2021: this provided direct financial relief to many lower and middle income families.

Expanded the Child Tax Credit in 2021 so it reached more low-income families and increased the amount to up to \$3,600 per child under 6.

Signed the Inflation Reduction Act in 2022. It extended Affordable Care Act subsidies, invested in clean energy initiatives that create jobs, and imposed a 15% minimum corporate tax aimed at making large corporations pay more.

Canceled some federal student loan debt in 2022, providing financial relief for many middle income Americans with college debt.

Increased federal minimum wage to \$15/hour for federal contractors in early 2021. He continues to advocate for a higher federal minimum wage.

On Feb. 8, 2023, Biden went to Wisconsin for the formal initiation

of infrastructure projects funded by legislation he passed earlier: replacing a pair of freeway bridges.

Trump personally made up to \$160 million from international business dealings while serving as president, according to an analysis of his tax returns by CREW (Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington at <https://www.citizensforethics.org>). I can't find substantiation of any personal profit for Vice-President or President Biden.

Here are a few of President Trump's accomplishments.

First president in American history to face criminal charges: a New York grand jury indicted him March 30 over hush-money payments made to porn star, Stormy Daniels. Also in New York, he stands charged with 34 felony counts of falsifying business records. The Florida Justice Department brought 40 counts against him for his handling of classified documents after leaving the White House. Pending: a state prosecutor in Georgia is weighing if Trump broke laws in attempts to overturn the 2020 election results in that state. The Justice Department is also looking into the 2020 election.

John H. Terrell

'Sound Of Freedom' exposes a second injustice Americans are blissfully unaware of

Editorial Note from Julie Reeder: I was going to write an editorial about Sound of Freedom but couldn't do any better than Madison McQueen. I would encourage everyone to see "Sound of Freedom" and also "Nefarious: Merchant of Souls." Exoduscry.com has been working to end sex trafficking and abuse in the porn industry for a long time, reaching over 4,000 victims, working with 13 governments, introducing new laws and training over 100,000 people to help fight the problem.

Madison McQueen
Contributor

Let this sink in: There are more people enslaved today than at any other point in human history, including when the Trans-Atlantic slave trade was legal. The summer's top film "Sound of Freedom" has succeeded in not only becoming a surprise box office hit but also in bringing the reality of modern slavery back into the spotlight.

The International Labor Organization estimates 40.3 million men, women, and children are subjected to human trafficking per year. The true figure is likely far higher.

Human trafficking involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain labor or a commercial sex act. The US Department of Health and Human Services says human trafficking is the fastest-growing criminal industry in the world, generating an estimated \$150 billion in profits annually—that's the entire net worth of McDonald's.

But are children really trafficked that often? According to UNODC's 2020 Global Report on Trafficking in Persons, compiled using official figures from 148 countries, one in three trafficking victims detected is a child. In a survey of 260 survivors of domestic minor sex trafficking, one in six were trafficked under age 12.

Though the Trans-Atlantic slave trade has long since passed, the remnants of this tragedy are regularly brought to the forefront of conversation. Yet somehow, many Americans live in either blissful or willful unawareness of modern slavery, and its vast number of victims. The untrained eye can easily miss the signs of it happening all around us, and it's easier to go about our comfortable lives if we don't have to wrestle with this weighty reality.

Thankfully, "Sound of Freedom" has brought this injustice back into the public forum, where it belongs.

Angel Studios, makers of the hit series The Chosen, released Sound of Freedom on July 4 to 2,600 theaters nationwide. So far, the film has raked in over \$100 million at the box office, surpassing Disney's Indiana Jones which was released the same day. The film is inspired by the true story of Tim Ballard, a Homeland Security Investigations officer whose career in locking up pedophiles compels him to rescue children exploited for sex and child sexual abuse material (CSAM, or child porn). It highlights the trafficking networks that prey on vulnerable children and the role American sex buyers play in fueling it worldwide.

Despite the fact that fighting child trafficking is a cause people of all ideological backgrounds should be able to get behind, this film has sparked quite a controversy.

Some critics have gone to lengths to associate the film with conspiracy theories and "right-wing extremism," primarily using guilt-by-association arguments. Their implied message is "child trafficking isn't a big problem" and it's blatantly irresponsible.

Others celebrate the film's message but lament that it promotes the search and rescue style method of fighting trafficking when, in reality, most anti-trafficking work doesn't look like this in practice, particularly in the US. Most trafficking doesn't involve being kidnapped by a stranger, rather victims are often exploited by family members or someone close to them. These kinds of concerns are valid, especially for anti-trafficking organizations, and trafficking survivors, who need to re-educate new volunteers that think they'll be kicking down doors. Still, it doesn't negate the fact that this film has sparked a fresh surge of people who are asking "How can I help end



Screenshot/Angel Studios/YouTube

modern slavery?"

That is the all-important question.

First, we must cut off the demand. Sex trafficking would end today if men stopped buying sex. The desire to purchase another human for sex is, in large part, one natural byproduct of porn use.

Anti-trafficking and filmmaking nonprofit Exodus Cry interviewed scores of sex buyers, and every single one shared that they began consuming porn in childhood. The effect of porn use on shaping sexual appetites is alarming and well-documented. In Exodus Cry's documentary "Raised on Porn," one convicted consumer of child sexual abuse material shares the escalating nature of porn addiction, "After a while, the stuff that worked before doesn't work as well... I found illegal pornography, child porn... I got the rush. It worked like nothing else did anymore."

As shown in Sound of Freedom, as well as Exodus Cry's documentary "Nefarious: Merchant of Souls," American men are among the most frequent child sex buyers, often flying to countries where they have unfettered access to trafficked children.

Our nation is one of the top countries for sex trafficking and the top consumer of CSAM. We cannot fight slavery while actively participating in it.

Second, we must demolish the "sex work is work" narrative. Prostitution and trafficking are often intertwined. In prostitution, women and children exist to fulfill the sexual desires of men. Buyers often view them as less than human, a product to be bought and discarded. Unlike what sex work advocates want you to believe, prostitution isn't sexual liberation, it's sexual slavery.

Most women in prostitution (approx. 90%) are under pimp control, meaning they are likely not receiving the money earned, and fear of their pimp keeps them trapped in a life of exploitation. Eighty-nine percent of those in prostitution surveyed across nine countries wanted to escape it. Prostitution isn't empowering, it's usually exploitative and it's often trafficking.

Third, we must urge legislators to pass laws that criminalize sex buying, pimping, and brothel-keeping while decriminalizing those in prostitution and providing them with resources to find a life outside of exploitation. This legislative model, called the Nordic or Abolitionist Model, is the only law with a proven track record to uproot trafficking.

Without fail, every country that legalizes "sex work" sees higher rates of sex trafficking than countries that have made sex buying illegal. This drives more men to consume women and children for sex. Traffickers and pimps capitalize on that demand.

There's so much we can do to fight today's iteration of slavery, and films like Sound of Freedom can help audiences realize that the injustice they see on the big screen can be cut off by starting with the small screen.

Madison McQueen is the content writer and media relations manager at Exodus Cry. Exodus Cry is a leading global anti-trafficking nonprofit organization focused on ending widespread sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation, exposing this injustice for millions worldwide, and helping its victims to rebuild their lives.

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Fallbrook is a food desert — Here is where you can obtain free affordable groceries!

Did you know that Fallbrook is considered a food desert? Food deserts need more access to supermarkets, grocery stores and other healthy food sources. Many of these are in low-income and minority neighborhoods where food deserts exist, resulting from the absence of a supermarket that offers a wider variety of affordable and healthy foods compared to smaller convenience stores.

Unfortunately, the lack of variation in grocery stores, pricing and the excessive availability of poor nutrition constantly encourage unhealthy eating. The San Diego Food Deserts Map demonstrates that Fallbrook needs an area to buy affordable or good-quality fresh food. Many leave the town to get their groceries. It's just more affordable and they have many more options. Lack of transportation can stop many from going out of town, so they are stuck getting their groceries at the small markets around the area.

When doing my research thesis project at The Fallbrook Food

Pantry, I discovered that mobility was an issue that prevented many from going to the pantry weekly. Fallbrook has public transportation, but long wait times, infrequent service and limited routes or hours of operation make it difficult for people to access healthy food. On top of that, carrying groceries back home can be a challenge for people who rely on public transportation. Many go through this very relevant barrier, which can lead to food insecurity.

The Fallbrook Food Pantry helps alleviate food insecurity in the town. They provide residents with healthy food options. They also assist many community members by stretching their household's food budget by providing food assistance. Lastly, it helps alleviate food insecurity and helps raise awareness about the issue, and advocates for policy change that supports healthy food access to food deserts.

Sara Rodriguez

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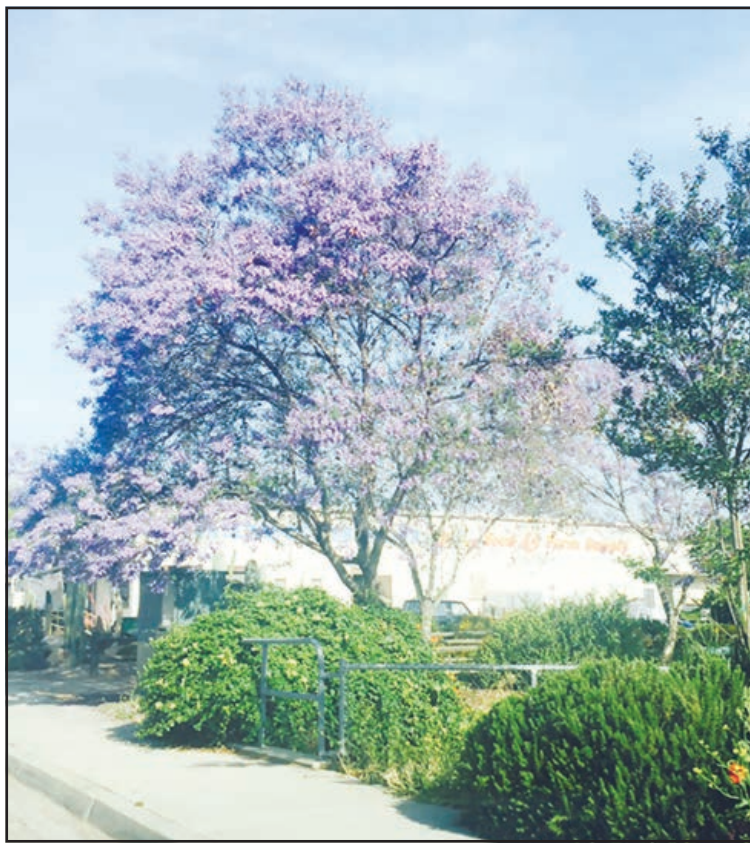
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Come help with Perking up the Pico

The four-block path named The Pico Promenade connects north and south shopping areas in town. This tree lined path was planted by Save Our Forest (SOF) in 1997. Currently, it needs a big dose of TLC. Neglected in the past years, the three organizations who work to help with maintenance, Save Our Forest, Fallbrook Beautification Alliance and the Fallbrook Village Association, get support from San Diego County. The county helps by regularly removing major trash, debris, and other abuses of the pathway.

SOF hopes to find community support for a day of weeding Saturday, Aug. 12 at 8 a.m. The event will begin with attendees meeting at the end of Ash St. to check in and get entry for the Pancake Breakfast that follows cleanup.

With many working together, it should be a quick and serious weeding day (hopefully only 2 hours). "Many hands make light work," they say. Attendees are asked to bring their favorite weeding tools i.e., hand trowel, hoe, hula hoe, shovels or whatever might be needed to make the job faster and easier. SOF will flag all plant material that will be left so they will be easy to avoid. Don't forget to wear hats, gloves



Many trees line the Pico Promenade, including this jacaranda at the entrance on Fallbrook Street. Village News/Courtesy photo

and comfortable work clothes. Water will be provided to keep attendees hydrated.

The Pancake Breakfast will be served in the Jackie Heyneman park nearby after cleanup. Please RSVP with the Fallbrook Land

Conservancy office at 760-728-0889 to give them a headcount for breakfast. Everyone is invited to come and help keep Fallbrook beautiful.

Submitted by Save Our Forest.

Bebee given 7.5% salary increase

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

The Fallbrook Public Utility District approved a salary increase for FPUD general manager Jack Bebee.

During the July 24 FPUD board meeting, a 5-0 vote approved an amended employment agreement between Bebee and the district. Bebee will receive a 7.5% salary increase retroactive to July 1, which will increase his annual compensation from \$241,555 to \$259,672, not including benefits.

"We have a first-class general manager," said FPUD board member Charley Wolk.

Bebee was hired by FPUD in 2009 and originally held the title of engineering and planning manager. FPUD added the operations of the district's wastewater treatment plant to Bebee's responsibilities in 2013 and changed his title to assistant general manager. Bebee was appointed as FPUD's acting general manager in 2017 and was given an annual salary of \$220,147. He became the formal general manager in August 2018 but did not receive a salary increase.

In 2020, the FPUD board approved a \$5,000 performance bonus for Bebee during closed session performance reviews, but Bebee recommended to the board that the \$5,000 instead be split among FPUD's employees who were facing more challenges during the coronavirus outbreak than he was. The money was

split between the other 63 FPUD employees, although the matching contribution for Bebee's 401(a) retirement plan was increased from 2.5% to 4.8% and his maximum vacation leave accrual was increased from 248 hours to 270 hours. In 2021, Bebee's base salary was increased by 4.5% to \$230,053, and he was also given a one-time \$5,000 performance bonus for meeting his work plan goals. In 2022, he was given a 5% salary increase, and FPUD also increased the matching contribution to Bebee's retirement plan from 4.8% to 7% and increased his vehicle allowance.

Bebee is not reimbursed for mileage incurred while on FPUD business although he receives a monthly vehicle allowance. His \$604.17 vehicle allowance and \$75 monthly cell phone reimbursement payment did not change from 2017 to 2022, when his vehicle allowance was increased to \$750. FPUD also pays Bebee's dues for organizations related to FPUD and for publication subscriptions and conference registration fees necessary or desirable for professional development.

His vacation leave is based on his total service with FPUD. Bebee currently accrues eight hours per pay period. The amended employment agreement also eliminated Bebee's ability to cash out up to half of his accrued vacation leave upon retirement.

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FPUD board approves \$100,000 deposit to indemnify LAFCO

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

The conditions of the decision by San Diego County's Local Agency Formation Commission to approve the reorganization in which the Fallbrook Public Utility District and the Rainbow Municipal Water District would detach from the San Diego County Water Authority and join the Eastern Municipal Water District included that FPUD and Rainbow indemnify LAFCO in the event of a lawsuit, which has been threatened by the SDCWA.

FPUD's July 24 board meeting included a 5-0 vote to approve an indemnification agreement with LAFCO and to provide an initial \$100,000 deposit in the event the CWA sues LAFCO.

"We have an agreement with LAFCO to help with the litigation and pay for the litigation should they move forward with litigation," said FPUD General Manager Jack Bebee.

FPUD and Rainbow can reduce their cost of purchasing water - and thus their rates - by detaching from the CWA and becoming retail agencies within the Eastern Municipal Water District. FPUD and Rainbow filed LAFCO applications in 2020 after beginning discussions about the reorganization in 2019.

The CWA opposed the detachment and also disputes that the detachment is exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review due to insignificant impacts on the Bay-Delta.

LAFCO voted 5-3 July 10 to approve the detachment. The County Water Authority Act requires a majority vote of the electorate of an agency which detaches from the CWA, so LAFCO's approval is contingent upon ratification by FPUD and Rainbow voters (the elections will be separate, and if detachment is approved in only one district that district will detach while the other district will remain part of the CWA).

FPUD scheduled a special board meeting for July 14 in which a 5-0 vote approved a resolution calling for a detachment vote at the next

general or special election. FPUD's \$100,000 initial deposit will be matched by an identical amount from Rainbow. If no litigation occurs the deposits will be refunded. If LAFCO's litigation expenses exceed \$200,000 additional FPUD and Rainbow deposits will be required.

"We won't know until an action occurs what they'll do, who they'll sue," Bebee said of the CWA. "They tend to be more litigious than others."

LAFCO's June 2020 meeting approved a detachment advisory committee consisting of one representative from FPUD, one representative from Rainbow, one representative from the SDCWA, two board or staff members from other CWA member agencies, one representative from LAFCO's Special Districts Advisory Committee, one representative from LAFCO's Cities Advisory Committee, one at-large member from the County of San Diego with expertise, one at-large member from the San Diego Association of Governments with expertise, and one member from the Eastern Municipal Water District.

The committee was tasked with reviewing key assumptions, documenting the differences in proposals, identifying key stakeholders, topics and firms for LAFCO consultants, and legal topics. Multiple CWA submittals delayed a final report from the consultant as well as the LAFCO detachment hearing itself.

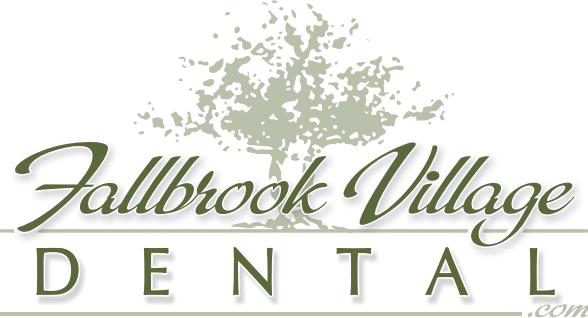
The County Water Authority Act does not require that agencies leaving the CWA pay an exit fee, but LAFCO staff recommended an exit fee to compensate the CWA for the loss of fixed revenues FPUD and Rainbow have been providing.

The July 10 LAFCO vote included a total exit fee of \$24,305,000 over a five-year period, which would equate to \$4,861,000 annually with Rainbow paying 65% and FPUD paying 35%. A CWA lawsuit carries the risk that the judge would apply the County Water Authority Act and void the exit fee.

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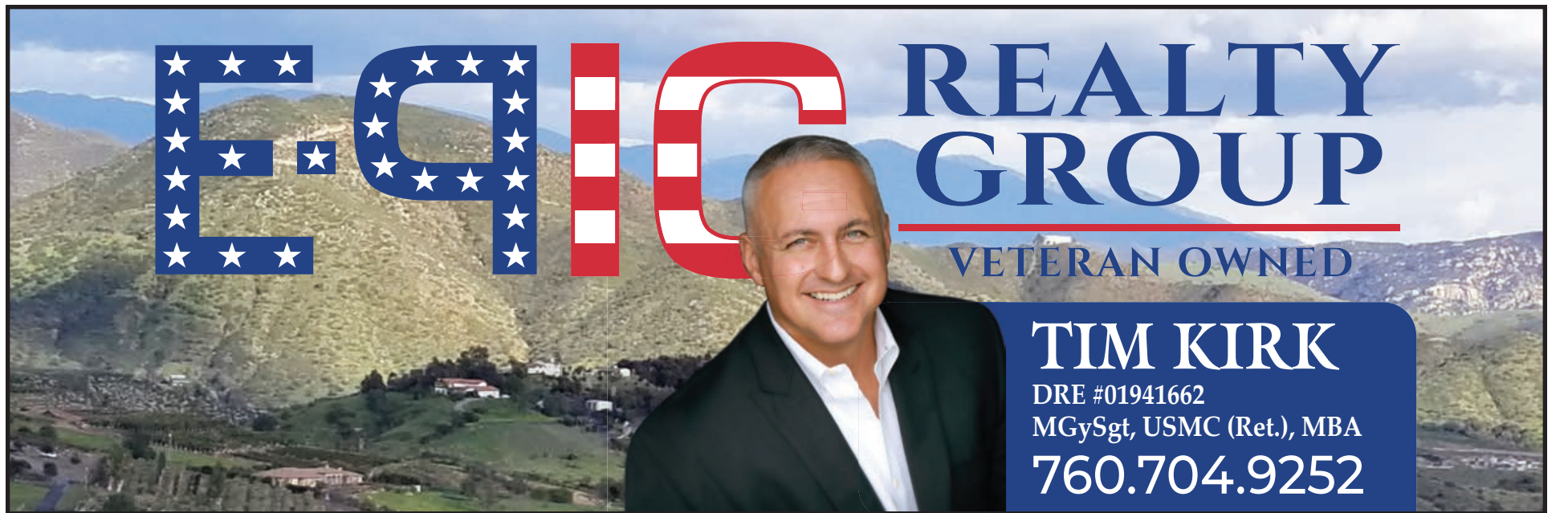
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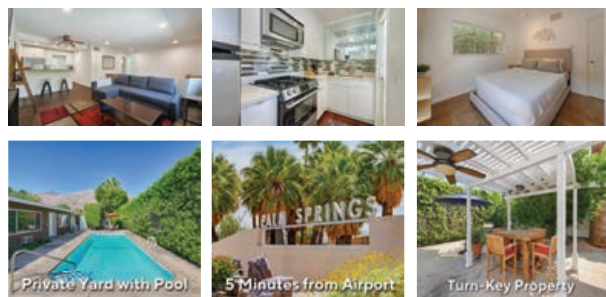
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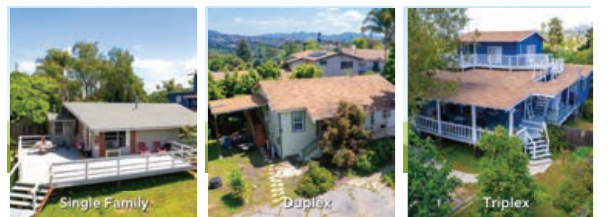
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Milestone marks 'A Cleaner North County'

FALLBROOK – A Cleaner North County, a local 501(c)(3) nonprofit, surpassed 10,000 pounds of litter removed from the townsites of Fallbrook, Bonsall, Oceanside and Vista recently.

“This is definitely a reflection of the dedication to North County and putting the environment first,” Colby Schexnayder, founder of A Cleaner North County, said.

Since 2021, this organization said that it recognized this issue does not have an expiration date and there is no end in sight, unless people become community minded and aware of the environment.

The journey began in 2021, in which 4,000 pounds of trash was removed. In 2022, the number grew to 4,242 pounds.

In 2023, reaching the 10,000 pound mark was accomplished Thursday, July 20, by surpassing that number – actually reaching 10,032.35 pounds. Think of it this way – five tons of trash picked up by a small crew of four people going out once a week.

“Even though this number is a troubling figure – we push ourselves in the job we are doing for ‘the community,’” Schexnayder said. “Being part of Fallbrook, we should all want our towns to excel in areas of being that close knit community with independent businesses, less crime and cleanliness. We should be known for our hiking and biking paths and clean streets, but instead we are seeing more alcohol bottles, plastics and syringes on our outings.”



From left to right, Colby Schexnayder, Forrest Turner, Steve Smith and Diane Turner from A Cleaner North County celebrate the organization's progress.

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The nonprofit said it hoped to inspire people to keep the environment clean where they

work, live and play. For more information, visit the website to volunteer at <https://sites.google.com/acleanernorthcounty.org/info-page/history>.

or follow them on Facebook.

Submitted by A Cleaner North County.



Paint cans and garbage left behind on South Mission Road.



A drain is covered in trash on South Mission Road in Fallbrook.



A dumping prohibited sign leans against a pile of trash along Old River in Bonsall.



A tire found with liquor bottles on North River Road in Bonsall.

ENTERTAINMENT

Newcomers Walkabout nature tour and hike for its members



Docent Eileen Weeks showed the Newcomers group a tree trunk with acorns stored by woodpeckers.

Newcomers saw the Coyote sculpture at Palomares Gardens during their tour.

Village News/Rhonda Longson photos

FALLBROOK — Fallbrook Newcomers, the community organization dedicated to welcoming and promoting friendship among Fallbrook residents, recently held a fun and informative Walkabout event led by docent and Newcomers member Eileen Weeks. The popular monthly Walkabout activity is a great way to get some exercise, commune with nature and make new friends while exploring beautiful scenery in Fallbrook and other nearby hiking trails and nature preserves. The Walkabout took place July

11 at Live Oak Park, followed by a tour of Palomares Garden and hiking at Los Jilgueros Preserve. After working up an appetite on the Walkabout, the Newcomers enjoyed a delicious lunch at Village Roots. The Walkabout included idyllic scenery while learning interesting facts about Fallbrook history. During the Live Oak Park tour led by the knowledgeable and vivacious Eileen Weeks, the Newcomers got a birds-eye view of the park's interesting features, including tree trunks filled with woodpeckers' acorns. In a show

of appreciation, as Newcomer Marcia S. commented, "Special thanks to our own Eileen Weeks, who gave us the docent tour - yes there is so much more to see/learn than we would have imagined.... did you know there was a time capsule at Live Oak Park?" The Newcomers also enjoyed tranquil Palomares Gardens and meeting the volunteers who lovingly maintain the gardens. After touring the drought tolerant native plants, stunning wildlife sculptures and a memorial tile path, the Newcomers concluded

their Walkabout adventure at Los Jilgueros Preserve where the shady trees were a welcome reprieve! The Walkabout is a testament to the Fallbrook Newcomers' commitment to fostering a community that offers friendship, fun and engaging activities. Fallbrook Newcomers extends a warm welcome to all future Newcomers! Social meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at Christ the King Church at 10 a.m. The upcoming Aug. 10 meeting will feature Susie

Gonzalez from the Fallbrook Senior Center. She will share the programs and services that are available to support the dignity and enrichment of life for seniors 50 years old and above. For more information about Fallbrook Newcomers and upcoming events, please visit <https://www.fallbrooknewcomers.com> or email fallbrooknewcomers@hotmail.com. Submitted by Fallbrook Newcomers.

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Theatre talk: ‘Pippin’ is a jewel



The Pippin cast includes, front, Brendan Dallaire; second row, James Oblak and Spencer Kearns; back row from left to right, Katy Tang, Jason Maddy, Leslie Stevens, Robert Zelaya, Amy Smith, Gracie Moore and Katie Karel. Village News/Aaron Rumley photo.

Elizabeth Youngman-Westphal Special to The Village News

Each night, once the theater is cleared, it is universally accepted that an empty theater is inhabited by the ghosts of players past. They are guided out of their hiding places once the building is cleared. Only a single bulb, a ghost light, is left burning center stage to tempt the spirits out to play.

“Pippin” (Brendan Dallaire) did not know that detail. He was not prepared “for things that go bump in the night.” Instead, he was just another weary backpacker searching for the meaning of life with just one goal for this night, to find refuge. Dallaire plays a convincing role and is well suited for this part. Much to his surprise, he wasn’t alone in this abandoned theater, in fact, he was met by the Leading Player (Robert Zelaya).

Bob Fosse directed this fantasy to Broadway, winning a Tony Award for his efforts. Although the idea was conceived by Mitch Sebastian, Fosse was the real imaginaire breathing life into the characters.

Known only as Leading Player, he steps into the big shoes of Ben Vereen who incidentally won a Tony for this exact same role. Zelaya’s rhythmic, bendy style is homage to both Fosse’s original choreography and Vereen’s talent. Whether it is his innate ability or choreographer Roxanne Carrasco’s guidance, Zelaya has swag.

“Pippin” encounters all of the players as Leading Player coaxes them out from their hiding places. After all, they only have until dawn to romp and make merry. They are Fastrada (Katie Karel), Theo (Spencer Kearns), Charlemagne (Jason Maddy), Berthe (Gracie Moore), Lewis (James Oblak), Player (Amy Smith) and Player (Leslie Stevens).

The show trips along under the direction of conductor Ron Councill playing piano, Mark Margolies the reeds, Nikko Nobleza guitar and cello, and Tom Versen rounds out the band on drums and all things percussion.

What adds to the charm of “Pippin” is Nick DeGruccio used a soft hand when directing. The backstage crew includes Marty Burnett who built the amazing set, Matthew Novomy designed the impressive lighting, Paul Peterson the beautifully clear sound and Zoe Trautmann designed the interesting costumes. Peter Herman’s wig and hair design read well from the audience too.

A special shout out to Gabby for coming to my aid after I had

to make a mad dash across town to the correct theater, sliding into our seats just after curtain.

First on Broadway in 1972, this show stands the test of time. It’s a jewel. “Pippin” runs until Aug. 20 at North Coast Repertory Theatre in Solana Beach. For more details, contact the Box Office at 858-481-1055 or northcoastrep.org. You will be glad you did. Out of 10, this show is rated 8.5.

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Christian Theater Arts Project’s Enchanting Production of “The Music Man”



Village News/Rachel Redhouse photo. Javon Jones, Molly Warner, and Camden Brown in the cast of “The Music Man.”

“In this particular summer show, our audience has the opportunity to see us all: administrators, right down to the youngest of the young, presenting a gorgeous performance for you to enjoy.”

“The Music Man,” written by Meredith Wilson, is a beloved musical that has been cherished and recreated by theater groups ranging from Broadway to small-town kids’ theater. Set in the quaint rural town of River City, Iowa, at the turn of the century, the musical weaves a heartwarming narrative of a traveling salesman with a crooked scam taking an unexpected turn through small-town life and finding he has a lot to learn.

The musical recently garnered renewed attention following a recent revival on Broadway, starring the award winning talents of Hugh Jackman and Sutton Foster. Menifee resident, Natalie Brown, said “It’s an absolute dream come true to have the opportunity to perform on stage with both of my children in such an iconic classic.”

Performances will run Aug. 3 to 6 with evening and matinee showings at the Bob Burton Center for the Performing Arts in Fallbrook. For ticket information and further details, visit <https://theaterartsproject.org>.

Submitted by Christian Theater Arts Project.

FALLBROOK – “The Music Man” is set to come alive on the stage of the Bob Burton Center for the Performing Arts, thanks to the passionate efforts of the Christian Theater Arts Project (CTAP). Bringing together families, professionals, and teachers, CTAP is a dedicated non-profit organization committed to promoting good character and life skills in children through training and participation in the performing arts.

This production of “The Music Man” is unique as it involves talent from both youth theater programs, professionals, and families in a cast of over 80 performers. As Director Jennifer Lloyd puts it,



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HEALTH

Why work with a senior placement agency?

Felicia Horton
AdvanCare

If you're considering using an agency for assisted living, it's essential to make sure they share your passion for improving the lives of older adults. Look for an agency that offers personalized assistance and support tailored to each need. With the right agency, older adults can maintain their independence while still receiving the care they need to live fulfilling lives. Take the time to find the right one for your loved one.

There are many factors to consider, such as location, cost and amenities. Gathering all this information from each community can be overwhelming, but referral services can help you. AdvanCare can provide all the necessary information in minutes, including community-specific details and spare you from endless sales pitches.

When searching for an assisted living residence for a loved one, it's essential to consider all available information. Referral services can provide valuable insights beyond the basic details, like pricing and occupancy rates. They can also provide information on resident-to-staff ratios, hospital proximity, family reviews and complaints.

Assisted living care is designed to assist and support older adults who require help with daily activities such as bathing, dressing, taking medication and preparing meals. It can be an excellent option for those who need extra help.

As loved ones age, it can become increasingly difficult for them to live independently. That's where assisted living communities come in. AdvanCare offers a range of benefits for older adults and their

families. One key advantage is personalized care. Each resident receives an individualized care plan that addresses their unique needs and preferences. Trained caregivers are on hand 24/7 to provide support and assistance. Another advantage is enhanced safety and security. Assisted living communities prioritize the safety of their residents with secure entry systems and emergency response protocols. Finally, social engagement is crucial for older adults' mental and physical health. Assisted living communities offer a variety of activities and events to promote interaction and a sense of belonging.

The agency must take great pride in providing personalized assisted living services to older adults. Their dedicated caregivers assist with personal care activities such as bathing, grooming, dressing and mobility support. Every senior is unique, and the agency must strive to maintain each client's highest dignity and respect.

Proper medication management is crucial for their well-being, and assisted living facilities understand that. Their experienced caregivers ensure that medications are taken on time and in the correct dosage. They also coordinate with healthcare providers to ensure seamless communication and adherence to prescribed treatment plans.

A balanced diet is essential for maintaining an older adult's health, and assisted living facilities prepare nutritious meals based on individual dietary needs and preferences. They focus on providing wholesome, home-cooked meals to promote overall well-being.

They must believe

companionship and emotional support are as important as physical care. When touring assisted living facilities, be sure their caregivers offer companionship, engage in stimulating conversations, play games and accompany them on outings. They must understand the significance of emotional well-being and strive to create a nurturing environment.

Deciding to move into assisted living can be an excellent decision for seniors looking to improve their quality of life. Only hire an agency prioritizing personalized care that promotes independence, safety and well-being. If you want to learn more about their in-home care services, contact at least three agencies. They must be happy to show you how they can enhance your loved one's life. Their team should be highly trained professionals passionate about providing exceptional care to seniors. The right agency for you will take great care in selecting and screening facilities to tour to ensure they meet our high standards for care, experience and compassion.

Personalized tours that address each person's unique needs and preferences will allow the family to learn what is available and get a personal feel for each facility. Qualified agencies work closely with families to develop and adjust their plans as needed to ensure a holistic and practical approach.

Safety and security are the top priorities. They will offer comprehensive safety measures, such as fall prevention strategies, emergency response systems and regular safety assessments, to ensure a secure environment for your loved one.

Continuity of care for an older



With the right placement agency, older adults can maintain their independence while still receiving the care they need to live fulfilling lives. Village News/Courtesy photo

adult's well-being is a top priority. Dedicated placement specialists build strong relationships with their clients, providing reliable support and fostering trust. They strive to maintain confidence by listening to the families' needs and offering the best options whenever possible.

Choose an agency based on compassionate, personalized and secure assisted living services. Their placement services must be designed to help you find the perfect assisted living community. There are many factors to consider when choosing a society: the importance of assistance with narrowing down your choices. They will assess your location, cost preferences, personal requirements and desired amenities. The team you choose has

access to a wealth of information, including pricing variables, occupancy rates, resident staff ratios, proximity to hospitals, reviews and resident complaints. With this information, they can provide a comprehensive overview of each community, allowing you to make an informed decision.

Most importantly, they are there to make the process as easy and stress-free as possible. Understanding that navigating the world of senior living communities can be overwhelming is why they must be committed to streamlining the process and saving you money. With their help, you can rest assured that you will find the perfect community to meet your needs.

For more information, visit <http://AdvanSeniorCare.com>.

Honoring our heroes: unveiling the importance of the veterans burial benefits that are available at no cost

Mark Bailey
Special to the Village News

When it comes to honoring our brave men and women who have selflessly served our country, there are benefits they deserve that honor them in this life and in the memory of their loved ones. Veterans burial benefits stand as a tribute to their immense sacrifices. However, it is disheartening to

note that only 12% of veterans are utilizing these benefits.

In this article, we will delve into the essential nature of burial/cremation benefits, the inclusion of spouses in these benefits, the advantages of advance funeral planning and who you need to see to put your plans in place.

Unearthing the importance of veterans burial benefits

Veterans burial benefits are a testament to the gratitude and respect we owe to those who served in the armed forces. These benefits offer financial assistance and support to ensure that veterans receive a dignified burial, with the aim of easing the burden on their loved ones during an already challenging time. From providing a plot or niche at no cost in a national cemetery to securing a

headstone or marker, these benefits offer a fitting tribute to honor the service of our veterans come at no cost.

Inclusion of spouses

Recognizing the integral role of spouses in the lives of veterans, burial benefits are not limited solely to the service member. Spouses of deceased veterans are also eligible for these benefits. This means that surviving spouses will receive the same burial benefits as their spouse, ensuring they are honored as their spouse was.

The benefits available to spouses can be extensive, encompassing a gravesite or niche alongside the veteran, including perpetual care, a headstone or marker, and even reimbursement for some burial expenses. This comprehensive support recognizes the sacrifices made not only by veterans but also by their spouses, who stood steadfastly by their side throughout their service.

Advance funeral planning: a wise decision for veterans and their families

Pre-planning is a smart and responsible decision that offers peace of mind for veterans and their families by ensuring that their wishes are carried out as desired. This also provides an opportunity to make choices in advance, outlining burial preferences, funeral arrangements and even financially securing the prices for the plans at today's prices.

Veterans who engage in pre-planning can take advantage of certain benefits specifically designed for such foresighted individuals. For instance, the VA allows eligible veterans, with the help of a pre-planning counselor, to apply for burial or cremation pre-need eligibility determination, which assists in securing a burial plot, grave liner and even a government-furnished headstone or marker. Moreover, pre-planning provides the opportunity to explore and secure burial benefits, such as military honors and funeral honors.

By discussing their burial preferences and arrangements with loved ones, veterans can ensure that their wishes are respected and relieve their families of the burden of making these decisions during

a time of grief. Pre-planning also enables veterans to consider their financial options, potentially reducing the financial burden on their families and further safeguarding their legacy.

Benefits of advanced planning for burial/cremation:

- Peace of Mind: Pre-planning offers a sense of relief, knowing that one's end-of-life arrangements are secure and in accordance with personal preferences.
- Financial Preparedness: By pre-planning, veterans can explore financial options, locking in the prices today, offsetting or reducing the burden on their loved ones down the road.
- Personalization: Advanced planning allows veterans to make unique decisions about their burial, ensuring their final tribute reflects their values, beliefs, and personal wishes.
- Preservation of Military Legacy: Veterans can make specific arrangements for military honors and ensure that their military service is properly recognized and respected through their burial ceremonies.

Conclusion

As a nation, we owe an immeasurable debt to our veterans and their families, and it is our duty to honor their sacrifices. Veterans burial benefits serve as a dignified tribute, ensuring that those who served our country receive the recognition and support they deserve. By making these benefits available to spouses, we also acknowledge the indispensable role played by the partners of our brave service members. Furthermore, pre-planning allows veterans to shape their final arrangements, easing the emotional and financial burden on their loved ones. Advance planning counselors who work with mortuaries will be needed to make these arrangements, securing your wishes and protecting your legacy. Let us unite in our efforts to maximize the utilization of these important benefits and ensure that our heroes are remembered and honored in Perpetuity.

Mark Bailey is the chief operating officer of The Burial Plan.

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Tri-City Oceanside Medical Center to suspend Women and Newborn Services

OCEANSIDE – A confluence of unfavorable circumstances and market changes has resulted in progressive erosion of Women and Newborn Service (WNS) lines across multiple organizations, including Tri-City Medical Center.

A notable negative contributor was a neighboring healthcare district's well documented encroachment into the Tri-City Healthcare District boundaries and ensuing transfer of laboring mothers out of Tri-City's district. The subsequent ratification of that decision by the San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission, despite repeated warnings from the district of the dangerous consequences for laboring mothers and infants, has made the situation even more daunting.

Tri-City Medical Center now delivers less than one infant per day, on average. This has accelerated district financial losses to levels that are unsustainable, and it is the opinion of the administrative team that inaction will negatively impact other critical service lines.

As a result of these circumstances, the administrative team has pursued conversations with a variety of potential affiliate partners in search of a collaboration that would not only save but grow this service line.

Those discussions have been robust and have broadened to include consideration of more expansive affiliation opportunities. Unfortunately, it has become

clear that a solution will require more extensive due diligence, along with continued dialog with internal and external constituents to assess community needs, both in terms of WNS and wider hospital operations.

In the absence of an imminent solution, the current and expected financial losses associated with continued operation of WNS, coupled with the progressive loss of staff necessary to continue operating the units, the administrative team must now recommend suspension of WNS, to include labor and delivery, postpartum and the neonatal intensive care unit.

If this decision is ratified by the Board of Directors, we expect final suspension of operations to occur no later than Oct. 1. A complete communications plan is in development for noticing the community and all relevant stakeholders.

While suspension of WNS is extremely difficult, the district remains optimistic that ongoing exploration of a collaboration or affiliation with a regional healthcare partner will allow Tri-City Medical Center to rebirth a more comprehensive, long-term, sustainable solution for WNS, much like the district was able to achieve in behavioral health culminating in the development of the Psychiatric Health Facility.

Submitted by Tri-City Oceanside Medical Center.

Clinical studies may be an option for those with a treatment-resistant disease or disorder

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Submitted by Viking Clinical Research.

The crucial role of self-care: Caregivers' path to balance and well-being

Nurturing themselves to better nurture others

Village News Staff

Family caregivers encompass more than one in five Americans, according to a Caregiving in the U.S. study, which is conducted about every five years. The study also revealed that family caregivers are in worse health compared to five years ago. The National Alliance for Caregiving and AARP presented these statistics, as well as others in the study entitled Caregiving in the U.S. 2020.

The 2020 update revealed an increase in the number of family caregivers in the United States of 9.5 million from 2015 to 2020. As the demand for caregiving rises with an aging population, it stated that there is an opportunity for the public and private sectors to work together to develop solutions to support family caregivers and those under their care.

There has been a rising concern for caregivers, the unsung heroes of our society, who dedicate their time and compassion to support those in need. Whether caring for a family member or working in a professional capacity, caregivers often neglect their own well-being while prioritizing the needs of others. Recognizing and embracing the benefits of self-care, however, is vital for caregivers to maintain their physical, mental, and emotional health, ultimately enhancing their ability to provide quality care and support.

According to recent studies, caregivers who prioritize self-care experience myriad advantages. Firstly, engaging in regular exercise, nutritious meals, sufficient sleep and medical check-ups can boost caregivers' physical stamina, enhance their immunity and prevent health issues resulting from the demanding nature of their work. By attending to their physical needs, caregivers ensure they have the energy and strength to continue their invaluable caregiving efforts.

Furthermore, caregiving can take a toll on one's mental and emotional well-being. The constant stress, anxiety, and feelings of helplessness can lead to burnout and reduced effectiveness in their roles. Recognizing the significance of self-care, caregivers are

encouraged to engage in activities that promote relaxation, stress reduction and emotional balance. Practices such as meditation, mindfulness exercises, journaling, pursuing hobbies or spending time in nature offer essential outlets for emotional expression and rejuvenation. Seeking support from support groups, therapists, or peers who understand their experiences can also provide valuable coping mechanisms.

The impact of self-care extends beyond caregivers' personal well-being; it positively influences their caregiving abilities as well. By taking time for self-care, caregivers can renew their energy, gain clarity and maintain a healthy perspective. This renewed state of well-being enables them to approach their responsibilities with greater patience, empathy and attentiveness, ultimately providing higher-quality care. By prioritizing self-care, caregivers can sustain their caregiving efforts over the long term, ensuring a consistent and reliable support system.

Caregivers also have the power to serve as role models and sources of inspiration. By demonstrating the importance of self-care, caregivers can impart valuable lessons about self-worth, personal boundaries and overall well-being to those they care for and others, like family members. Through their actions, caregivers encourage others to embrace self-care as an essential aspect of a healthy and balanced life. By modeling self-care, caregivers positively influence the attitudes and behaviors of those in their care, fostering a culture of self-care and resilience.

Self-care is not a luxury for caregivers; it is a fundamental component of their caregiving journey. Prioritizing physical, mental and emotional well-being allows caregivers to sustain their efforts, provide high-quality support and inspire those they care for. By recognizing the importance of self-care and actively integrating it into their routines, caregivers create a healthier and more fulfilling caregiving experience for both themselves and those in their care.

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SPORTS

Gearhart and crew build replacement car in 12 days



From left to right, Jeff Gearhart, Jake Griffin and Brian Griffin stand with the race car they built for the Barona Speedway.

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Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

After a Barona Speedway collision rendered the race car of Fallbrook driver Jeff Gearhart unusable, Gearhart and his crew built a new car for the next race.

Because that next race was the first of Barona Speedway's two-day Summer Shootout competition July 21-22, Gearhart and his crew had one fewer day to get the car ready. After 12 days of work, Gearhart drove the new race car for the two race days.

"It's a big feat building a car in

two weeks," Gearhart said.

Gearhart finished last among the five drivers in his July 8 heat race. He began the main event in the back and had little room to gain positions. He also had little room to avoid Ramona driver Charlie Koehler when Koehler's 1979 Chevrolet Camaro became loose out of turn four.

"I thought I had him cleared," Gearhart said.

Koehler was on the inside. Gearhart and his 1999 Ford Crown Victoria were on the outside. "We hooked bumpers and he dragged me into the fence. Hit the fence

about 80 mph," Gearhart said.

Both cars were towed off the track. Gearhart was given a 17th-place finish for season points purposes.

Koehler and his crew spent approximately 100 hours repairing the Camaro. They replaced the wheels, the suspension and the tie rod.

Gearhart's Crown Victoria was no longer usable as a race car. "It bent the frame in two inches," Gearhart said. "It wasn't worth repairing, but all the components in the car were good."

The 42-year-old Gearhart was raised in Valley Center and moved to Fallbrook four years ago. His stepfather, Brian Griffin, raced at Cajon Speedway in the 1990s. Gearhart attended Cajon Speedway races during his childhood but didn't begin competition as a driver until last year when he learned that the Crown Victoria was for sale. Gearhart's brother,

Jake Griffin, also began racing in 2022. Gearhart finished eighth in the 2022 Pure Stocks season points standings.

When Gearhart purchased the Crown Victoria he raced prior to the July 8 crash, he also obtained another 1999 Crown Victoria. "When I bought the first car it came with another donor car, so I had two cars to work with," he said.

The donor car became Gearhart's race car after the other Crown Victoria was deemed unusable. "It's basically the same car but on a different chassis," he said. "We transferred the components to the donor car."

"We" means Gearhart, Brian Griffin and Jake Griffin. The work included cutting the roof off the crashed Crown Victoria, taking out the roll cage, cutting off the roof of the replacement race car, placing the roll cage in that Crown Victoria and welding the roof of the new

race car back together.

Gearhart and the Griffins worked on the car from July 9 to July 20. "No days off. Every single night," Gearhart said.

The work extended into July 21. "I worked 'till 4:00 a.m. Thursday night and Friday," Gearhart said.

The Crown Victoria was loaded on the trailer at 5 p.m. July 21 so Gearhart arrived late at the track. Because other classes had earlier heat races Gearhart was still able to compete in the first Pure Stocks heat race that evening. "It was the first shakedown," he said.

The two-day Summer Shootout with prize money for each night attracted 123 cars including drivers from other tracks. The Pure Stocks had 25 drivers July 21 and 24 cars July 22. The first three finishers in each Pure Stocks heat race automatically transferred to the main event. The other drivers competed in a B main in which eight drivers transferred to the feature.

Seven drivers were in Gearhart's July 21 heat race. He began the eight-lap race on Barona's quarter mile dirt oval in the back and finished fourth with Ramona's Terry Adams taking the third position for the final automatic transfer to the main.

"I was overheating and I had power steering hose failure. I had no power steering," Gearhart said.

Gearhart began the July 21 B main on the pole. He fell to seventh place and finished the 12-lap race in that position for a transfer to the main. He began the main event on the inside of the tenth row. Gearhart was unable to finish the 20-lap main event and was given 19th-place points.

"That was the first night of figuring it out," Gearhart said.

With a race the following day, Gearhart and his crew didn't have two weeks or even two weeks minus one day to make changes for the next competition. The adjustments for the July 22 races were primarily to the steering and the suspension.

Jake Griffin began the second July 22 heat race on the pole with Gearhart starting on the outside of the second row. In the final lap of the eight-lap race, Jimmy Villa of Descanso took the lead from Escondido's Jeff Grill. Griffin finished third for the automatic transfer to the feature while Gearhart settled for fourth place.

Car problems prevented the scenario in which Gearhart would have had to challenge his brother for the final transfer position. "I did not have full power," Gearhart said.

Gearhart explained that power steering and battery problems limited the Crown Victoria's ability. Although the problems were not corrected in time for the B main, Gearhart finished eighth in that race after starting on the pole. Although an automatic transfer to the feature is preferable, the 12 laps in the B main were to Gearhart's benefit. "It gave me more seat time with the car to get comfortable with it," he said.

The B main gave Gearhart and his crew less time to fix the problem by the time Gearhart began the main event on the outside of the tenth row. Pure Stocks main events at Barona Speedway are 20 laps or 20 minutes, and crashes which caused yellow flag cautions shortened the July 22 race to 15 laps. Gearhart finished 17th.

"I blew the whole entire power steering pump and I was having electrical issues," Gearhart said.

The Pure Stocks will next race Aug. 5. "We're going to get that fixed," Gearhart said.

Gearhart had been in fifth place in the season point standings prior to the July 8 race. Even with the low finishes July 8, July 21 and July 22, he ended the Summer Shootout seventh in the season standings and only four points behind sixth-place Joe Malone of El Cajon, who finished eighth in the July 22 main event.

"The whole goal was to rebuild that car and come back out here," Gearhart said. "I feel like it's a win."

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San Luis Rey fillies take top three finishes in Del Mar race

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Village News Reporter

San Luis Rey Training Center fillies swept the top three finishes in the first race July 23 at the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club.

Anybody's Choice, who was trained by Adam Kitchingman, won the six-furlong dirt race for three-year-old fillies who had not won two races since April 23. Anybody's Choice finished 3 3/4 lengths ahead of second-place She's Resilient, who was trained by George Papaprodromou and beat third-place Silver Lightening by half a length.

"She ran really good. There were a couple of tough horses in there," Kitchingman said.

The race included six horses. Anybody's Choice, who was ridden by Jose Valdivia, had the outside post position. She's Resilient and jockey Umberto Rispoli started from the fourth post position. Silver Lightening, who is trained by Doug O'Neill and was the mount of Antonio Fresu, began in the fifth post position.

Rispoli and She's Resilient broke first with Just a Little Luck and Juan Hernandez being the second horse/jockey combination out of the gate. Anybody's Choice and Valdivia breaking third, and Fresu and Silver Lightening leaving the gate fourth.

She's Resilient became the first horse to cover a quarter of a mile 22.06 seconds after the start of the race. She led Anybody's Choice by half a length, Just a Little Luck by 1 1/2 lengths, and Silver Lightening by two lengths.

The distance between She's Resilient and Anybody's Choice had increased to a full length after the first half a mile, which took She's Resilient 45.64 seconds.

Silver Lightening had moved into third and trailed Anybody's Choice by one length.

Anybody's Choice took over the lead prior to the stretch. She reached the stretch 58.07 seconds after the starter's gate was opened and held a one-length lead over She's Resilient, who was two lengths in front of Silver Lightening. Don't Get Pickled had moved into fourth and trailed Silver Lightening by 2 1/2 lengths although Silver Lightening would finish 4 1/4 lengths ahead of Don't Get Pickled.

The winning time for Anybody's Choice was 1:10.53. "She turned out to be a nice horse, so I'm real happy with her," Kitchingman said.

A November 18 race at Del Mar won by San Luis Rey filly Pleasant Wave was the first race for Anybody's Choice, who was fourth in that five-furlong turf race. The next five races for Anybody's Choice were at Santa Anita Park. She finished third January 2 and February 10 and second March 5 before breaking her maiden with a 3 1/2-length victory in a six-furlong dirt race April 28. Her June 18 race was on the turf, and she finished ninth 11 1/4 lengths behind the winner.

"San Luis Rey, the training center there, is really one of the best training centers in the country," Kitchingman said. "San Luis Rey is really a good training facility."

The July 23 race was a claiming race. Both Anthony's Choice and She's Resilient were claimed for \$40,000 apiece.

"Happy to win a race, but sad to lose her," Kitchingman said. "Hopefully she goes on and does well."

Senior Softball looking for new players

FALLBROOK — Fallbrook Senior Softball is welcoming new players who are 50 plus years of age. Games are played at Ingold Sports Park Mondays through Thursdays at 4 p.m. with warm-ups beginning at 3:30 p.m. Each team is scheduled to play two games per week.

The teams are currently looking for new players.

Potential players must show for a screening prior to being placed on a team so that appropriate placement can be made. The current season is under way and the team welcomes all potential players to come for a screening, practice and get into game shape by attending any of the pre-game warm-ups.

The current season is underway and ends Sept. 21. The final season of the year will start Oct. 3.

Interested players may email Commissioner Chuck at ChuckMattes19@gmail.com. Additional preliminary information including registration forms and an overview of the league can be found on the website, <http://fallbrookseniorsoftball.org>.

Submitted by Fallbrook Senior Softball.



Batter Tim O'Leary swings at a pitch during a Fallbrook Senior Softball game at Ingold Sports Park. Village News/Shane Gibson photo

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Community partners support Boys & Girls Clubs of North County



Four-year-old beginning swimmers walk down the ramp at Boys & Girls Clubs of North County's Ingold Clubhouse thanks to a partnership with the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention.

FALLBROOK — It's summertime at Boys & Girls Clubs of North County and children are swimming, playing and learning. The club's summer partnerships with other nonprofits and local organizations are important to the overall summer experience for its members.

Fallbrook Regional Health District helps sponsor the Water Safety Program during the summer. Not only do children learn how to swim, but they are also taught how to rescue other swimmers experiencing distress in the water safely and quickly. Young children are at the highest risk of drowning, and the club with the help of the FRHD ensures water safety is taught at an early age throughout the summer. Usually non-swimmers will be swimming and playing safely in the water by the end of the summer. The club also partners with the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention and teaches the youngest charges from 3 to 4 years old how to swim. They walk to the pool from their site down the street.

"Summer is a special time at the club, we get to make great memories for the kids while teaching them valuable life lessons," said Allison Barclay, CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of North County. "We also sneak in STEM education and literacy as fun activities all summer to help students overcome the learning gap that often happens over the summer."

In addition to partnering with the FRHD and the CDC, the club also partners with California State University San Marcos School of Nursing to provide health services and education during the summer. Not only do the nursing students hand out many band aids and ice packs, but they also share important information.

They recently engaged club members with a learning session on the importance of wearing sunscreen and avoiding the sun during peak hours by finding shade and wearing hats.

Palomar Family Counseling works with club members on learning how to better cope with life stressors and teaches them how to better communicate as well as make better life choices. One of their activities is throwing a soccer ball with questions back and forth between club members and counselors as a means of getting a conversation going with questions ranging from "What is your favorite game to play?" to "What scares you?" Between the CSUM nursing students and the Palomar Family Counseling team, club members are well supported all summer.

The Fallbrook Food Pantry also partners with the club and provides weekly gardening experience at

the FRHD Wellness Center. Club members team up in groups of two, decide what to plant in their gardens and learn how to care for the gardens to make them grow. They are also taught food nutrition information in a fun and accessible way by food pantry volunteers. Additionally, Child Nutrition Services provides breakfast and lunch daily, keeping club members well fed and healthy.

This summer, music is in the air with the help of the Fallbrook Music Society. Club members learn how to read music and play a variety of instruments.

This summer the Boys & Girls Clubs of North County is running summer camps for all three of the local school districts: Fallbrook Unified Elementary, Bonsall and Vallecitos. For 60 years, the club has been the place for youth to go after school for fun memories with friends, programs that would enhance their learning experience and relationships with caring staff. They currently serve over 2,000 children every year at 10 different sites throughout Fallbrook and on U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton.

Summer camp at the club is ongoing, including swimming lessons and a swim team. For more information, visit <http://www.bgcnorthcounty.org> or call 760-728-5871.

Submitted by Boys & Girls Clubs of North County.



A young swimmer receives a lesson in water safety thanks to Boys & Girls Clubs of North County's partnership with the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention.



A young child's lesson in water safety is sponsored by Fallbrook Regional Health District.



A California State University San Marcos nursing student assists a Boys & Girls Club member.



California State University San Marcos nursing students teach children about the importance of wearing sunscreen.

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California ramps up wildfire prevention work

SACRAMENTO – California is scaling up work to prepare, prevent and mitigate the threat of wildfire – investing in more projects throughout the state to help protect underserved communities and stop wildfire in its tracks.

California continues to prepare communities against the devastating impacts of wildfires, with Governor Gavin Newsom announcing July 27 new investments that will ramp up defenses around homes, reduce overgrown vegetation, improve evacuation routes for rural communities and more.

The \$113 million in new funding, made possible by the \$52 billion California Climate Commitment budget, will support 96 wildfire prevention projects across the state – with more than 8 in 10 grants directed towards vulnerable or underserved communities.

Governor Newsom said, “These kinds of projects save lives and livelihoods, and we’re scaling it up. It was work like this that helped communities like South Lake Tahoe and Pollock Pines avert unknowable destruction. Our goal is to stop devastation before it happens – to keep Californians safe, and preserve our communities and shared history.”

Cal Fire’s Wildfire Prevention Grants Program funds programs to protect people, structures, and communities. This year’s investment adds to the 144 ongoing projects funded last year and includes hazardous fuels reduction and wildfire prevention planning and education. These projects support the goals and objectives of California’s Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan, as well as the Strategic Fire Plan for California.

Cal Fire Director and Fire Chief Joe Tyler said, “Investing in communities before a wildfire strikes is a critical component of California’s wildfire strategy. These proactive investments



The Mesa Fire charred 350 acres, June 23, 2021, off state Route 76, about a mile west of Pala Temecula Road in Pala near Couser Canyon. The fire was fully contained by June 27.

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support local projects that protect, engage, and educate communities to increase wildfire prevention and resiliency efforts throughout the state. Wildfire is a year-round reality in California, and even though a historically wet winter was the exception this year, we are always ready for when conditions change and to continue our charge of creating a more wildfire resilient California. We are proud to help further this important and proactive work.”

In San Diego County, the Pala

Band of Mission Indians is one of many tribal organizations receiving funding for wildfire prevention efforts with a grant of \$442,919.68. Their projects will include fuel reduction efforts to prevent roadside fires and provide safe evacuation routes near the community of Pala, which includes a 10-acre fuel break, planned as a result of the Mesa Fire which ignited June 21, 2021.

Rainbow Municipal Water District also received funding for its Defensible Space - Tanks,

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The Wildfire Prevention Grants

Program is funded as part of California’s Wildfire & Forest Resilience efforts with a portion of the program funded through California Climate Investments (CCI), which puts cap-and-trade dollars to work.

For more information about Cal Fire’s Wildfire Prevention Grants, visit <https://www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/grants/wildfire-prevention-grants>.

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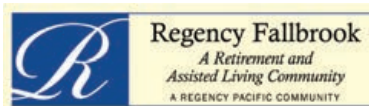


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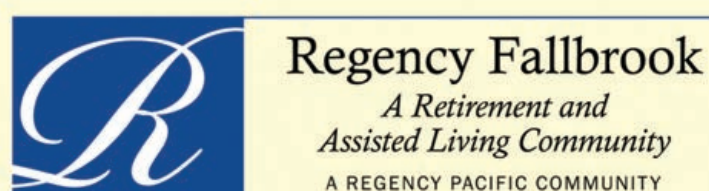
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—Review of all things real estate Understanding uninsured deeds



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With the scorching summer temperatures, a cautionary tale unfolds for those in search of a portable air conditioning unit to beat the heat. Enticing promises and clever marketing tactics make it easy to fall prey to the pitfalls that await unsuspecting buyers. Instead, consider these tips when shopping for a new portable air conditioner.

Ratings

Be aware that a higher advertised BTU rating doesn't always guarantee a cooler indoor space. BTU is short for British Thermal Unit, which is a unit of measurement that shows how much energy your air conditioner uses to remove heat from your home within an hour. Sellers may advertise more BTUs than the product's actual performance, but buyers beware. The truth lies in making sure the unit's rating matches the Department of Energy's BTU rating for your room's square footage, according to the DOE guidelines. When shopping online or in-store, check for the certified DOE-rated BTU level for correct coverage – and if you don't see this information listed, stay away. A free online BTU calculator can help you choose.

Certification

Manufacturers market their products with proclamations of



When purchasing a portable air conditioner, be sure to review a unit's decibel rating to determine if the unit will be too loud for the room where it's intended to be used.

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excellence. Don't be lured in with claims and prices. Insist on reviewing the product's energy guide for the actual BTU rating. Also, make sure the portable AC you are interested in is authenticated by credible third-party organizations that indicates it has met or exceeded performance standards.

Type

Before making a decision between window ACs or portable units, determine which type best suits your needs and the room before making a purchase. As a general rule, portable units can be easier to install and more versatile.

Noise

Whether you're sensitive

to noise or don't wish to hear the sound of a motor running, check the unit's decibel rating. Cool interiors and ultra-quiet performance can co-exist, if you shop around.

Maintenance

In addition to purchasing a portable AC unit, proper maintenance can help ensure it

runs smoothly and efficiently. Periodically remove the filter from the unit and dust it, and clean debris from inside the unit with compressed air. A few lifestyle changes can also contribute to a cooler, more comfortable home. These changes include avoiding the stove and oven on super-hot days, planting shade-bearing trees or bushes outside windows and swapping out incandescent bulbs for energy efficient LEDs.

Navigating a sea of misleading product claims can be exhausting, particularly when it comes to buying the equipment you need to keep your home and family comfortable in extreme weather. When it comes to a cool home, however, you don't have to sweat it. A bit of research can help you achieve optimal comfort this summer.

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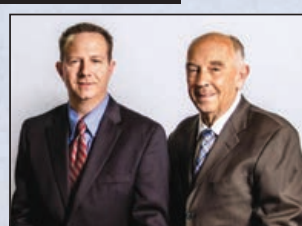
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County to conduct four mosquito-fighting larvicide drops in August

SAN DIEGO COUNTY – San Diego County is scheduled to conduct routine aerial larvicide drops four times this month: Aug. 9, 10, 30 and 31 on up to 51 local waterways, including Lake Rancho Viejo, to help stop mosquitoes from potentially spreading diseases like West Nile virus.

The county uses helicopters to drop solid, granular larvicide on hard-to-reach areas of standing water in rivers, streams, ponds and other waterways where mosquitoes can breed. The county conducts the aerial larvicide drops roughly once a month from April through October.

The larvicide does not hurt people or pets but kills mosquito larvae before they can grow into biting mosquitoes.

Report increased mosquito activity, or stagnant, unmaintained swimming pools and other mosquito-breeding sources, as well as dead birds – dead crows, ravens, jays, hawks and owls – to the County Department of Environmental Health and Quality's Vector Control Program by calling 858-694-2888 or emailing vector@sdcounty.ca.gov.

Also report if anyone is being bitten by mosquitoes during daylight hours, or if they find mosquitoes that look like invasive Aedes mosquitoes – small, black with white stripes on legs and backs – by contacting the Vector Control Program at 858-694-2888.

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Several county parks to close for August

Michelle Mowad
County of San Diego
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Five San Diego County parks will be closed in August, a safety measure taken each year because of the expected high temperatures.

El Capitan Preserve in Lakeside, Hellhole Canyon Preserve in Valley Center and Mt. Gower County Preserve in Ramona will be closed Aug. 1 through 31. In addition, Agua Caliente and Vallecitos County Parks near Anza Borrego are closed all summer; they reopen Labor Day weekend.

The closures also provide Department of Parks and Recreation staff with an opportunity to conduct much needed maintenance including trail restoration. This work is done in the early morning or evening while it is cooler.

There are more than 100 other county parks and preserves to explore during the month of August. Cool off at splash pads, on a lawn or under the shade of decades-old oaks. Go birdwatching at San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve. Or enjoy a free Summer Movies in the Park screening at dusk after it cools off.

The next movie to be shown in Fallbrook is "The Bad Guys" at the Fallbrook Community Center, 6 p.m., Aug. 11.

If it is really hot, consider staying home or plan your next hike by taking one of these virtual tours of some of the County's

most popular trails, at <https://www.countynewscenter.com/tag/virtual-hike/>.

If you do go out for a hike, be smart about it! Here are some safety tips to consider:

- Let someone know where you will be and when you plan to return.
- Hike with others, never alone.
- Leave your dog at home for difficult hikes. Even "easy" hikes may be too much for your dog when the air or ground are too hot.
- Take plenty of water to stay hydrated. Rangers recommend one liter (about a quart) for every 2 to 3 miles.
- Wear sunscreen, a hat and sunglasses.
- Take breaks in the shade, if possible.
- Take a fully charged mobile phone, map and/or GPS.
- Wear lightweight, light-colored, ventilated clothing.
- Bring along a warm jacket if you plan to stay out after dusk.
- Wear sturdy shoes with traction for slippery rocks.
- Follow all posted safety rules.
- Bring ample food, sunscreen to reapply, a flashlight, first aid kit, multi-purpose tool and a whistle.
- Know your limitations; choose trails that match your level of physical fitness and areas where you are not going to get lost.

For additional information on visiting County Parks, visit sdparcs.org.

Ridding your home of rats without poison

Julie Reeder
Publisher

I don't believe anyone is excited to come across rats in or near their home, but since we live in a rural area, they are a fact of life, and an important part of our ecosystem. We find them at least occasionally near our homes, in our garages or in the engines of our cars!

What benefits are rats? They serve as food for predators like mountain lions, bobcats, coyotes, wolves, owls, snakes and more. Better rats than our cats and dogs!

But they also burrow and loosen the soil, and spread plants and trees with seeds. They also eat garbage and waste left by humans.

If you are trying to get rid of the pesky critters, there are some practical things you can do without poison.

Buy "Rat Zappers" and place them around where the rats are frequenting.

Don't leave any food around. Rats will continue to visit where they can find human food, and dog and cat food. They will even



eat through plastic bottles of olive oil, cornstarch, etc.

After you remove trash and food, use a solution that is 10% bleach and 90% water to clean shelves, trash cans, sidewalks, alleyways, etc. The rats will not typically return where they can't find food and they don't like the smell or taste of bleach.

They will usually eat through plastic pots and containers, but if you keep your dog food, for

instance, in a metal trash can and clean the outside with bleach water, they will look for food elsewhere.

All garbage cans and trash bags are tempting for rats, so they should be sprayed with bleach water as well.

It won't take long for the rats to go somewhere else if night after night they show up and there is no food and everything smells and tastes like bleach.

Tips for a thorough home inspection

Jane Kepley
Special to the Village News

Home inspections, while not mandatory, are an important part of the homebuying process. They can help you spot potentially dangerous and expensive issues in a property before you buy it, which may be a valuable negotiating tool.

But home inspectors aren't infallible, and they may miss things sometimes. So, how can you ensure the inspection goes smoothly and potential problems are identified?

Here's how:

Use care when choosing your inspector. To make sure you get an experienced and qualified home inspector, ask for trusted referrals. Then, research the reviews and credentials for those inspectors. You can then call and interview a few before selecting someone to work with.

Attend the inspection. We can attend the inspection together to ensure nothing is missed. We'll walk the property with the inspector, asking questions as we go — but not getting in the way of their job. Once the inspection

is done, you can ask for a quick run-through of any problematic areas they saw.

Ensure they see the whole house. To truly assess a home's condition, the inspector needs to go everywhere on the property. The seller should make sure the yard and doorways are clear so the inspector can physically evaluate everything in the home from top to bottom.

Follow up with your inspector. Once you get the full inspection report, go through it carefully. If there's anything noted that concerns or confuses you, call up the inspector and talk through it. You can also ask for a re-inspection if it feels appropriate.

It can be hard to prove that an inspector missed a problem — or that a seller knew about it — once you live in the home, so ensuring your inspection is done properly from the start is key.

Get in touch if you have more questions about homebuying or need help finding a trusted professional.

To learn more, reach out to Jane Kepley with CR Properties at 760-622-0204 or kepleyrealstate@att.net.

Big and beautiful home arrives by truck

Manufactured homes are not what they used to be

SAN MARCOS – A stunningly beautiful, 2,130 square foot home arrived at the headquarters of Pacific Manufactured Homes in San Marcos, July 27... by truck. The home was shipped in three perfectly packaged pieces and has been joined together and completed by their trained technicians and will be available to see in August.

The new face of manufactured homes

Manufactured homes today are unrecognizable from their utilitarian beginnings dating back to the 1930s when living in vacation trailers became common due to the Great Depression. Today, these magnificent structures rival conventional, or "stick built," homes in every way — except the time and expense.

Manufactured homes are constructed from the same materials as traditional homes, and they feature the luxury finishes found in decorator magazines. The price, however, can be a massive 30-40% less than traditional homes and because the floor plans have been designed using California permitting standards, the permitting process is fast and easy.

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"California has significantly loosened restrictions on building, resulting in thousands of customers wanting to add our homes as rental units, also known as ADUs, to their existing property. We have also seen an increase in both first-time home buyers and retirees choosing to put our homes on raw land. When people



Today's manufactured homes rival conventional homes in every way, except in time and expense. Village News/Courtesy photo

tour our models, realize that we will help them from start-to-finish, and see the significant cost savings — the choice is easy."

— Sean Feeney, general manager and founder, Pacific Manufactured Homes

Positive customer impact

"We are adding an ADU next to our existing home on our lot in Fallbrook. With the crazy rental rates as high as they are, we will add positive cash flow immediately. We plan to use the profit for our son's college fund and our own retirement."

— Jason P., Fallbrook

Pacific Manufactured Homes was founded in 1990 and has become the largest manufactured home dealer in Southern California with five convenient California locations. They offer floorplans of all shapes and sizes to accommodate even the most unique circumstances.

Their volume of business allows them to offer unbeatable cost savings to their customers. They are a "one-stop-shop" offering an in-house financing department, a construction department, home design specialists, and more.

For more information, call 760-471-1212 or email info@pacifichomes.net.

Submitted by Pacific Manufactured Homes.

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BUSINESS

FRHD and NCFPD announce arrival of new ambulance



Fallbrook Regional Health District and North County Fire Protection District collaborated to fund a new Advanced Life Support ambulance for North County Fire Station 1 in Fallbrook.

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FALLBROOK — Fallbrook Regional Health District and North County Fire Protection District proudly announce the arrival of the newest Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance that will be stationed at North County Fire Station 1 in Fallbrook. The new ambulance replaces an older

ambulance that was destroyed in a Christmas Eve traffic accident. In 2019, the two organizations formed a joint agreement to collaborate on funding all new ambulances at 50% cost-sharing, and this latest delivery marks the continuation of that plan. “It has not been an easy road, as

supply chain issues caused delays with receiving the ambulance,” said Fire Chief Keith McReynolds. “But the new ambulance brings updated equipment and technology to the district, ensuring the best care for patients.” It will be staffed with a highly trained emergency medical

technician and paramedic, allowing for efficient transport of critically ill or injured patients. FRHD’s CEO Rachel Mason outlined how was extremely proud of the partnership by saying, “Our two special districts work well together in ensuring that our residents have access to the best

emergency responses possible. Our districts are a great example of collaboration and how local entities can work together to get things done.”
Submitted by FRHD and NCFPD.

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Chamber to hold events in August

FALLBROOK – The Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce has several upcoming events planned for the month. They are:
Monday, Aug. 7 – First Monday Coffee at the Chamber, 9 a.m.
Thursday, Aug. 10 – SunUpper at the Chamber, hosted by Martin Quiroz at 9 a.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 16 – SunDowner at Harry’s, hosted by SD County Gun Owners PAC, at 5:30 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 18 – Business Breakfast Club at Mariscos El Pacifico (members only) at 9 a.m.
Thursday, Aug. 24 – Dinner Mob at La Cucina, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 30 – Wine Down Wednesday at Beach House Winery, 4:30-7:30 p.m.
Call the chamber for more details on any of these events, 760-728-5845.
Submitted by the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce.

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North County Fire receives more funding for Station 4

FALLBROOK — The North County Fire Protection District (NCFPD) has been allocated an additional \$500,000 toward the construction of Fire Station 4 in the California Fiscal Year 2023-2024 State Budget. The funding, which was advocated for through California Assemblymember Marie Waldron's office, will bring total state funding assistance for the Fire Station 4 replacement project to \$1 million. The NCFPD has been exceptionally successful with securing grant funding toward facility projects over the last two years.

"We are extremely grateful for the funding assistance we have secured, which has been advocated for and supported by our local leaders," NCFPD Fire Chief Keith McReynolds said of the funding for the renovations. "This funding will be invested right back into our community to improve our local fire stations."

"The improved fire station designs will help us achieve faster response times which is critical because seconds count," said McReynolds.

In 2021, the district was awarded \$900,000 of state funding assistance for the renovation of Fire Station 3, located at 2309 Rainbow Valley Blvd. The district was also awarded \$394,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding through San Diego County Supervisor Jim Desmond's Office toward the Fire Station 3 renovation project. In

2022, the NCFPD was awarded \$1.4 million of state funding for capital improvement projects which the district allocated toward funding two new fire engines. Several other grants have assisted with purchasing fire and training equipment.

The NCFPD is currently pursuing multiple much-needed fire station renovation and replacement projects. In 2022, the NCFPD board of directors approved the renovation of Fire Station 2 on Winterwarm Drive. Also, in 2022, the NCFPD board approved the renovation of Fire Station 3. The Station 3 project will add square footage and renovate the existing facility. In 2023, the NCFPD board approved the full replacement of Fire Station 4 on Pala Mesa Drive.

The current station, which is a modular building, was built as a temporary station in 1979. Erickson-Hall Construction has been hired as the construction manager on both the Station 3 and Station 4 projects. Station 3 is currently in the design phase with construction slated to begin in spring of 2024. Station 4 is currently in the Request for Qualifications Statement (RFSQ) phase of the design-build process with construction anticipated to begin in fall of 2024. The NCFPD has secured \$3.8 million in grant funding for capital improvement projects in the last two years.

Submitted by North County Fire Protection District.

Worker of the week has a goal



Domenica Sierra takes a customer's order at the register with a huge smile. She has been at Jack in the Box for about four years and now works as the manager there. Sierra's goal for her future with the company is to become a position trainer for future team leaders, assistant managers and managers such as herself. Jack in the Box is located at 5256 S. Mission Road, Bonsall.

Ovation Theatre brings 'The Phantom of the Opera' to North San Diego

ENCINITAS – Encinitas-based Ovation Theatre presents North County San Diego's first ever community production of "The Phantom of the Opera." Featuring a talented cast of performers from across San Diego, stunning sets and costumes, and Andrew Lloyd Webber's haunting score, Ovation Theatre's six-show run of the beloved, award-winning musical opens Aug. 4 in San Marcos.

Based on the 1910 horror novel by Gaston Leroux, Broadway's "The Phantom of the Opera" is a thrilling and romantic account of the legendary Phantom, a musical

genius who dwells deep beneath a majestic opera house in Paris. With its record-breaking Broadway run, Phantom has become a cultural tour de force, and one of the most successful musicals of all time.

Ovation Theatre's production of "The Phantom of the Opera" is directed by the award-winning husband and wife team of Artistic Director Pamela Laurent and Music Director Scott Gregory – who previously performed together in the international Broadway production in Hamburg, Germany – with choreography by Natalie Nucci and Reka Gyulai.

Nick Siljander leads as the mysterious Phantom who becomes obsessed with the beautiful and talented chorus girl Christine Daae, played by Broadway San Diego Awards semi-finalist Evelyn Berry. Rounding out the show's powerhouse principal cast are Jack Stuhley as Christine's childhood sweetheart Raoul, Vicomte de Changy, Cole Chinn and Sean Sullivan as opera co-managers Richard Firmin and Gilles Andre, Katie Lawrence and Brian Imoto as resident prima donna Carlotta Giudicelli and leading

tenor Ubaldo Piangi, Broadway San Diego Awards finalist Sage Taylor as ballet mistress Madame Giry and Nicole Warkentien as Christine's best friend, Meg.

"Returning to Phantom after 25 years and having the opportunity to share our deep knowledge of the show with this insanely talented cast has been an amazing and rewarding experience for Scott and me," commented Laurent. "We've taken great care with this production, striving to get every detail just right to create a rich experience for our performers and

for the community of North San Diego. We can't wait for audiences to see this show!"

The Phantom of the Opera will be playing at the Howard Brubeck Theatre located at Palomar College in San Marcos Aug. 4-6 and Aug. 11-13. For tickets, showtimes and more information, visit <https://www.ovationtheatre.org/phantom>. Get a sneak peek into the production and rehearsals on Instagram @ovationtheatreshows and Facebook @ovationtheatre.

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EDUCATION

Local teens earn pilot certificates



Fallbrook teens Samantha Hanlon and Monica Christine Nasry, who both earned the private pilot certificates Thursday, July 20, pose beside the tail of a plane at the Fallbrook Air Park, following their examinations.

FALLBROOK – Samantha Hanlon and Monica Christine Nasry are one step closer to their dream of becoming professional pilots. After many months of ground school, flight training and studying for their check ride, each underwent a two-hour oral exam followed by a 1 1/2 hour flight evaluation Thursday, July 20. At the end of the day, both local teens came away with their private pilot certificates.

at Fallbrook Flight Academy at the Fallbrook Air Park. This fall Hanlon will attend Southern Utah University, and Nasry will attend Embry Riddle University, both pursuing professional pilot degrees.

If anyone happens to see a plane flying in the skies around town, it may just be Hanlon or Nasry in the cockpit.

Submitted by Heather Hanlon.

SDG&E awards \$10k scholarships to local students pursuing STEM careers

SAN DIEGO – San Diego Gas & Electric announced July 12 that it has awarded \$10,000 scholarships to 10 local high school and college students who are pursuing undergraduate studies in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) – many of them first-generation college students who face financial barriers to higher education.

These are the first scholarships given by SDG&E under its newly launched Inspiring Future Leaders STEM Scholarship Program, which builds on the company's long history of investing in STEM education to foster the region's future generations of diverse and highly skilled workforce.

Scholarship winners who maintain their eligibility can have their scholarships renewed for an additional three years – meaning they could receive up to a total of \$40,000 in financial aid.

"Today, many jobs require a STEM education, so it's essential that we help build the talent pipeline by expanding access to higher education," said SDG&E CEO Caroline Winn, who is an electrical engineer by training and a leading advocate for getting more women and people of color into STEM careers. "Through the scholarship program, we hope to create a STEM workforce that reflects the diversity



Village News/Shane Gibson photo
Fallbrook High graduate Annie Riley is going to CSU Long Beach with the help of a \$10,000 scholarship from SDG&E.

neuroscience and physics.

"My goal after graduating college and hopefully earning my PhD, is to devote my life to marine and coastal conservation and research so that future generations will experience this wondrous part of the world," said Annie Riley, of Fallbrook, who will attend CSU Long Beach and major in marine science.

Kathy Caputo, director of Partners in College Success, said it's rare to see multi-year, renewable scholarships of the size offered by SDG&E.

"Many of the students we work with need financial support throughout their college career in order to complete their degrees," Caputo said. "We hope other organizations will follow in SDG&E's footsteps and make it more accessible for women and people of color to enter STEM careers."

The STEM scholarship is administered by Scholarship America, the nation's largest designer and manager of scholarships and other education support programs for corporations, foundations, associations and individuals. The program is funded by company shareholders, not SDG&E customers.

Submitted by San Diego Gas & Electric.

Bonsall school breakfast and lunch programs

BONSALL — For the 2023-2024 school year, the Bonsall Unified School District is participating in the School Breakfast Program and National School Lunch Program by offering healthy meals every school day. The California Universal Meals Program, AB 130, requires public school districts serving students in grades K-12 to provide two meals free of charge (breakfast and lunch) during each school day to students requesting a meal, regardless of their free or reduced-price meal eligibility. No meal application is required in order to take advantage of the free meals.

Due to the California Universal Meals Program, all students at the following sites will receive one free breakfast and lunch each school day:

- Bonsall Elementary School
- Bonsall West Elementary School
- Sullivan Middle School

Choosing to complete the free and reduced-price meal application may help benefit the district with additional funding and it may also help families with discounted testing, internet, bus passes and more. All families are encouraged to apply if they think they may qualify. Households may submit

an application at any time during the school year.

In addition, Bonsall High School and Vivian Banks Charter School will be implementing a program available to schools participating in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Programs called the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). All enrolled students of these schools are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at no cost to the household each day of the school year. Children will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit a meal application. Please complete the Alternative Income Form during registration to help provide additional funding to our district.

To apply for benefits, either request a paper application from the school office or apply online at Bonsall Unified School District's website.

For more information, contact Kursten Orr, Child Nutrition Services Director, at (760) 631-5200 x.1025 or kursten.orr@bonsallusd.com.

Submitted by Bonsall Unified School District.

Kids say the funniest things



Quotes from brothers Jameson, 7, and Seamus, 5, over the years.

Submitted by their mother Kathy Custer.

Mom: "We are going to get hens because they make eggs and you love eating eggs."
(In an unimpressed tone)...

Jameson, age three: "I want to get the animal that makes ketchup."

Mom: "Mommy has a doctor's appointment this morning; you're coming too. What toy would you like to bring with you?"

Seamus, age two: "Chocolate."

(Trying to watch cartoons while his mother is cleaning-house)...

Jameson, age three: "Mom, can you please turn the vacuum on silent?"

Brothers Jameson and Seamus Burke say the funniest things.
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Firefighters practice hose exercises



Valley Center firefighter Greg Dauphin practices spraying water atop a fire engine during a pump-in exercise at the Gomez Creek ponds on the Pala Indian Reservation, hosted by the San Diego chapter Society for the Preservation and Appreciation of Antique Motor Fire Apparatus in America (SPAAMFAA), July 29.



Signs warn firefighters not to spray fire hoses too high due to power lines at Gomez Creek in the Pala Indian Reservation.



The pump-in event at the Gomez Creek ponds hosted by SPAAMFAA gives firefighters the opportunity to practice fire hose exercises without wasting water.

Village News/Shane Gibson photos



Water is pumped from the Gomez Creek ponds and cycled through the fire engine hydraulic system and out the fire hose back into the ponds allowing firefighters to train and not waste water.



SPAAMFAA invites local fire departments to practice fire hose exercises at the Gomez Creek ponds at the Pala Indian Reservation.



Ryker Dundas, 7, whose grandfather is a member of SPAAMFAA, gets the opportunity to use a fire hose at the pump-in event at Gomez Creek.



Deer Springs Cal Fire firefighters Juan Ramirez (left) and James Heaton place a hose in Gomez Creek to pump water through their fire engine's water hydraulic system.



Firefighters practice pumping water from the Gomez Creek ponds and cycling the water through fire engine hydraulics and out their fire hoses during a pump-in event.

REGIONAL

Water safety reinforced on World Drowning Prevention Day

Anita Lightfoot
County of San Diego
Communications Office

Local leaders gathered poolside in Oceanside in observance of World Drowning Prevention Day. The County of San Diego, along with the Prevent Drowning Foundation of San Diego, City of Oceanside and Black Star Water Polo were there to remind everyone that water safety saves lives.

Among San Diego County residents, the number of deaths from drowning was 31 in 2021, the most recent year with complete data. Also in 2021, there were 52 hospitalizations and 112 emergency room visits. The number of deaths in 2021 was down from 47 in 2018, but higher than the 29 in 2019 and 28 in 2020.

Each year in California, over 400 people die from drowning and more than 1,200 are involved in non-fatal drowning incidents that



In honor of World Drowning Prevention Day, local leaders, from left, Jim Desmond, county supervisor; Asante Sefa-Boakye, founder of Black Star Water Polo; Nicole McNeil, president, Prevent Drowning Foundation of San Diego; and Manuel Gonzalez, director, City of Oceanside Parks and Recreation Department, gather to reinforce water safety and remind people that water safety saves lives.

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require an emergency department visit or hospitalization.

Drowning is the single leading cause of death in children ages one to four, and the second leading cause of unintentional injury death for children under 14.

“Forty-eight percent of all drowning deaths occur in June, July and August,” said San Diego County Supervisor, Jim

Desmond. “And with so many of us enjoying the water to stay cool in these high temperatures, it is essential to prioritize water safety.”

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention tracks annual data on its Drowning Prevention website that supports the peak months of danger.

Anyone can drown. No one should. Drowning is preventable

through water safety education, swim instruction and learning how to provide CPR with rescue breathing.

“Learning to swim is the best defense against drowning,” said Nicole McNeil, President Prevent Drowning Foundation of San Diego. “We provide a variety of swim lesson programs for individuals who have limited access and funding to this life-

saving skill.”

Other drowning prevention actions include pool fencing with self-closing, self-latching gates and alarms, wear properly fitted life jackets for all water sports, never swim alone and always supervise children around water.

For more information about local swimming lesson resources, visit the Prevent Drowning Foundation of San Diego.

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County ordinance update aids housing production and affordability

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The County Board of Supervisors has approved a 2023 Housing Zoning Ordinance Update that incorporates 21 state laws to help make housing more affordable and accessible for people experiencing homelessness.

The update will also focus on creating housing for people who have lower, moderate and middle-class incomes.

The update complements how the county is supporting housing production through:

- Innovative neighborhood planning efforts.
- Improvements to its approval process.
- The assessment of available land.
- The infrastructure needed to support housing in unincorporated communities.

The update allows the county to continue to weave equity into housing planning by making it easier to have accessory dwelling units in more places.

This combines with state laws to create more opportunities for first-time home buyers by allowing property owners to subdivide their lot to build small homes such as townhomes. Making it easier to build mid-sized multifamily housing developments of 3-10 units streamlines the process to provide housing options for unsheltered residents.

Supporting Families

Updating the local ordinance brings state and county rules into alignment, providing more clarity on the process.

The board approved going beyond state laws. New affordable housing can now be located one mile away from a major transit stop instead of a half mile.

Other pro-housing efforts

through the county's Planning and Development Services department that go beyond state law include:

Making more housing projects “by-right,” which means removing steps from the permitting processes and reducing the time, cost and risk to develop housing in certain locations.

Streamlining development of senior housing by reducing permitting requirements.

Allowing for smaller homes that are likely to be more affordable through a small lot subdivision ordinance.

Further streamlining the construction of accessory dwelling units.

Developing an inclusionary housing policy that will produce additional affordable housing.

In May, the county also committed \$14.5 million to carry out actions that remove barriers to housing production by saving time and providing certainty in the development process which

include:

- Offering pre-approved plans for single-family homes.
- Accepting tiny homes on wheels as an approved housing option.
- Making it easier to get a building permit if you have a previously approved home design.
- Guaranteed approval timelines for the different types of housing and shelters.
- Technology changes that aid project tracking.
- More transparency, customer education, guidance tools and support.

The county continues to promote equitable access to affordable housing in all its programs and services to allow for stakeholder participation and environmental study, where required.

The board's action is the result of extensive community input and engagement through webinars and outreach events on the new state laws included in this update.



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Daughters of the American Revolution to celebrate America's 250th birthday

TEMECULA—America's 250th birthday will be in 2026, and the Daughters of the American Revolution are preparing to celebrate through its America 250 Committee and local chapters around the nation, including the Luiseño Chapter in Temecula.

During the nation's 247th birthday in 2023, the television and other media showed freedom festivals, military jet fly-overs, Independence Day parades and fireworks spectaculars happening around the country. One commentator said that hundreds of towns began their July Fourth events on July 1, and that there was plenty to enjoy and applaud. Millions of American citizens and residents of the United States participated in these events, celebrated in person or watched TV coverage from the comfort of their homes.

Comfort is one of those feelings that people can enjoy in America. It is a sensation, an emotion and one of many beliefs which patriots and veterans have fought for throughout the country's history.

Comfort, well-being and safety, however, are usually not the feelings that the military experience in times of conflict,

and it was no different 250 years ago for those fighting for independence from English rule.

During the Revolutionary War, Secretary to George Washington Joseph Reed kept his wife Esther informed of the realities of war.

"In a 1778 letter to a friend, Esther wrote, 'My dear Mr. Reed was in the action (at Monmouth,) and had his horse again shot.' She knew from him that the soldiers often didn't have enough to eat or blankets to protect them from the cold in winter, that their clothes were worn, that they had to sleep in places that were often damp and unsanitary," and that smallpox and typhus killed thousands of them, according to "Women Heroes of the American Revolution" by Susan Casey in 2017.

Esther Reed decided to do something about the camp environments, and she wrote and had published a broadside titled "The Sentiments of an American Woman" in June of 1780.

"If I live happy in the midst of my family ...it is to you (the soldier) that we owe it. And shall we hesitate to evidence to you our gratitude?"

Tough times called for engaging "in such public

displays of political activities," with the Ladies Association of Philadelphia being formed within three days of the broadside's publication. Esther and 35 other women began a fundraising campaign to "render the condition of the soldier more pleasant." They divided Philadelphia into 10 areas in which pairs of women then canvassed assigned areas by knocking on doors; men and women from all walks of life — "from Phillis, the colored woman ... to the Countess de Luzerne" — met the challenge and raised more than \$300,000 in Continental Dollars or \$7,500 in coin and gold. The ladies must have been assertive because even a pro-British lady contributed just "to get rid of them," according to Casey.

Gen. George Washington decided to spend the contributions on shirts.

"I would propose the purchasing of course linnen, (sic) to be made into shirts. ...A shirt extraordinary to the soldier will be of more service, and do more to preserve his health than any other thing that could be procured him ... provided it is approved of by the ladies."

The project had delays including

Esther's death at age 34, but 2,000 soldiers received the shirts.

"Each woman — married or unmarried — had embroidered her name on each shirt she had made, making each a personal gift from one of the ladies of Philadelphia," according to Casey.

One of those 2,000 soldiers was likely Pvt. Peter Kincheloe. This month, the Luiseño Chapter of National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, in collaboration with America 250, honored Kincheloe for his service.

Born in 1722 in Virginia, he took the Oath of Allegiance and became one of the men under Gen. William Alexander, aka Lord Stirling, in the 13th Regiment of Virginia in the Continental Line. He also served in the 9th Regiment of Virginia in the Continental Line.

As part of the 13th Virginia Regiment, he entered Valley Forge as one of 175 men of which 69 were fit for duty. They left Valley Forge for Fort Pitt during May 1778. The 13th Regiment was reorganized and became the 9th Regiment.

Kincheloe saw action in the Battle of Brandywine, the Battle of Germantown and the Battle

of Monmouth. At Germantown, under the command of Col. George Mathews, the unit became separated from Gen. Nathaniel Greene's division, causing 400 men to be taken prisoners by the British.

Kincheloe was married to Margaret Walls. He and Margaret were the parents of at least one child, a son named Conrad. Of German descent, the family used the German surname Kuenzle as well as Kincheloe and Kinslow. He died in 1810 in Muhlenberg County, Kentucky.

Was Peter one of the 2,000 soldiers who received a shirt with an embroidered name? There is a strong possibility that he received that gift of comfort. As one who fought in America's wars for independence, he knew the discomforts and stresses of which he willingly subjected himself.

Next month, another patriot will be honored by the Luiseño America250 Committee.

To learn more about the Luiseño chapter, visit <https://www.facebook.com/luisenochapterdar>.

Submitted by Luiseño Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

County accepts \$44.3M in one-time Behavioral Health Bridge Housing grant funding

Cassie N. Saunders
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The San Diego County Board of Supervisors has approved using \$44.3 million in state Behavioral Health Bridge Housing Program funds to provide more housing for San Diegans who have serious behavioral health conditions and are experiencing homelessness.

The funds will help address the

need for board and care beds which are typically home-like settings for five or six adults or older adults who need some specialized care, but not in a hospital or clinical setting.

In 2022, the board approved the Optimal Care Pathways Model, which is the result of an in-depth review of current and historical data and existing care models to better understand and project regional needs. Recommendations

guided by the Optimal Care Pathways Model indicate the region needs to increase board and care capacity by nearly 150%. It translates to about an additional 450 beds.

"This funding comes at a time of growing need for more behavioral health housing resources," Luke Bergmann, Ph.D., director of Behavioral Health Services, said. "These new funds will allow us to preserve and optimize

current community-based care infrastructure in alignment with the Optimal Care Pathways Model and help ensure that those who are most vulnerable will get the care and housing that they need."

Today's action allocates \$41.5 million for new board and care payments to supplement funds for Medi-Cal clients and help them meet escalating board and care rent costs.

The remaining \$2.8 million will

be used for infrastructure start-up costs to speed up the creation of new beds.

Approved uses for the Behavioral Health Bridge Housing Program funds include hiring more assisted living workers, outreach and engagement, and start-up infrastructure and housing expenses, which include shelter, interim housing, rental assistance and patch funds for assisted living settings and housing navigation.



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DINING

Orange, pineapple salad



This fresh orange, pineapple salad is made with walnuts and coconut.

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Katelynn Abrams
Village News intern

Orange, pineapple fruit salad is sweet, creamy, and chilled. It is also known as Ambrosia salad, though this version doesn't include the whip cream or marshmallows found in many recipes.

This version is made with fresh oranges and pineapple that were picked based on scent. A general rule that's good when it comes to picking fruit is if it smells good, it likely tastes good.

- Ingredients:**
Oranges
Pineapple
Shredded coconut
Walnuts
Sour cream
Vanilla
Honey
Whip cream (optional)
Marshmallows (optional)

Instructions:

Chop 1 small pineapple and 3 oranges. In a bowl, mix 8 ounces of sour cream with 2 teaspoons of vanilla and 1 teaspoon of honey. Add the fruit to the sauce and add 1/4 cup shredded coconut and 1/4 cup walnuts. Chill in the fridge before serving.

The recipe is flexible as the ingredients and ratios can be altered based on what's available and personal taste. The oranges could be replaced with fresh or canned mandarins, and the fresh pineapple could be replaced with canned pineapple chunks.

Some recipes for this salad call for whip cream instead of the sour cream, vanilla, and honey, and marshmallows in addition or in place of the walnuts. Another ingredient that is often found in this salad is cherries, either fresh and chopped or preserved and sweetened.

A chilled bowl of this fruit salad works as a side to a meal, snack, or dessert.

Del Campo Farmers: nurturing health and community through microgreens cultivation

FALLBROOK — Del Campo Farmers, a newly established and fast-growing farm nestled in the heart of Fallbrook, is paving the way for a healthier future by cultivating premium quality microgreens while striving to create awareness about the importance of nutritious food choices and fostering a strong sense of community.

Microgreens are nutrient-rich, miniature versions of fully-grown vegetables and herbs, packed with essential vitamins, minerals and antioxidants. Del Campo Farmers is at the forefront of championing the benefits of these superfoods, promoting sustainable farming practices and making them accessible to the local community.

Guided by their mission to promote healthy eating habits and nourish the community, Del Campo Farmers places great emphasis on sustainable farming methods. By growing their microgreens without the use of harmful chemicals or pesticides, they guarantee a product that is not only delicious but also safe and environmentally responsible.

"We believe that good food starts from the ground up, which is why we take great care in cultivating our microgreens," says Vladi Delsoglio, the visionary behind Del Campo Farmers. "Our commitment to eco-conscious farming ensures that our microgreens not only taste amazing but also contribute to the well-being of our consumers and the environment."

The impact of Del Campo Farmers extends far beyond just providing nutritious greens. As part of their strong community-driven approach, they actively collaborate with local schools to educate people about the importance of a balanced diet and make healthy food options more accessible to all.

Del Campo Farmers proudly offers an enriching experience to students, providing classes on the art of cultivating microgreens and culinary skills through hands-on growing workshops and cooking classes.

With their weekly giveaway, Del Campo Farmers is on a mission to spread positivity in the community by weekly gifting nutrient-packed



Del Campo Farmers is a local microgreen farm that strives to ethically produce healthy food for the community.



This green smoothie is made with fresh microgreens from Del Campo Farmers

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microgreens to individuals who have positively impacted society through their commitment to safety and well-being, such as firefighters, police officers and church leaders.

Del Campo Farmers invites the community to join them in their mission to build a healthier future, where good food and strong bonds bring people together. Whether a health-conscious individual,

a food enthusiast or someone looking to make a positive impact, Del Campo Farmers offers an opportunity to contribute to a thriving community.

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OBITUARIES



On Tuesday, July 18, the world lost a courageous and beautiful soul as **Diane Fenn** peacefully passed away at the age of 73, after a valiant 14-year battle with breast and bone cancer. She was surrounded by her loving husband Dave, and devoted children, leaving behind a legacy of love and cherished memories.

Diane was the epitome of a matriarch, the heart and soul of her family. As a devoted wife, she stood steadfastly by her husband's side, and as a caring mother, she raised wonderful children who brought her immeasurable joy. Her family was her pride and joy, and she was equally proud to be a grandmother to eight adoring grandchildren.

Born in Yuba City on July 3,

1950, Diane's family relocated to Southern California in 1955 following a devastating flood that ravaged their hometown. Growing up in the San Fernando Valley, Diane later settled in South Orange County, where she met her husband Dave and found a place to call home and build her life.

But Fallbrook held a special place in Diane's heart. She became a well-known figure in the community through her beautiful store, Chattels, located on Main Avenue. Diane's passion for interior design was evident through her work, and she brought joy to many with her ability to create stunning and inviting spaces. She adored Fallbrook and its people, and her love for the town was reciprocated by her

clients and friends.

Beyond her creative pursuits, Diane was an exceptional hostess, always preparing and entertaining for large family gatherings. Her love for holidays filled the air with warmth and happiness.

Diane was preceded in death by her mother and father, Harold and June Anderson, and her son Ryan Beck.

Diane is survived by her beloved husband, Dave, and three children, Brooke, Cory, and Lauren, along with their families. The memories of their time together will forever live in the hearts of those who loved her.

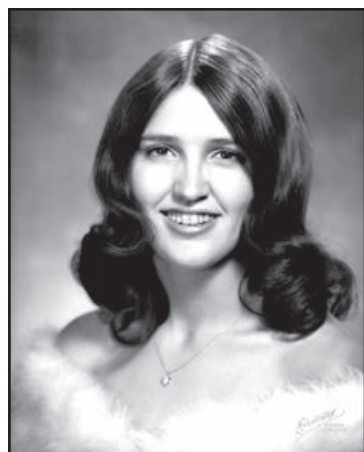
A celebration of Diane's life will be held at the Fenn family residence on Aug. 5 from 6-9 p.m. Friends and acquaintances

who had the privilege of knowing Diane and wish to honor her memory are invited to attend the gathering. Please RSVP by using the QR code provided or by sending a text to 760-484-8348,

and the family will provide you with further details.

May she rest in peace and may her memory be a blessing to all who were touched by her presence.

RSVP HERE:



Jennifer Jean Lyle, née Burton, 72 years of age, passed away July 20 at home in her bed, attended to by her husband of 42 years and their two daughters. Born 1951 in

Strasburg, Colorado, her family moved to Brawley, California when she was in second grade – the climate difference came as quite a shock to little Jenny.

She worked as a respiratory technician and later as a home nurse, careers that aptly matched her kind and generous personality. She hiked, sang, rode horses, never said no to dessert. She couldn't keep house to save her life, and sometimes she was too stubborn for her own good, but she was always a warm, caring, creative joy to know. Her friends and family will miss her dearly.

If the spirit moves you, kindly make a donation to REINS Therapeutic Horsemanship Program in her memory.

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CALENDAR

Aug. 5 – 3-7 p.m. – The Fallbrook Village Association and the San Diego Sheriff Station team up to hold National Night Out, a community safety event with guests from Bomb/Arson, ASTREA, SWAT team, and Search & Rescue, at Main Avenue and Alvarado Street. Event also includes classic cars, a food truck, the Kevin Moyles Band, and a Beer & Wine Garden. For more info, visit @FallbrookVillage on Facebook.

Aug. 8 – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Blood Drive at Fallbrook Regional Health District's Community Health & Wellness Center, 1636 E. Mission Road. Donate and save a life. Registration is preferred but walk-ins are also welcome. To register, go to <https://www.fallbrookhealth.org/blood-drive-dates>.

Aug. 9 – 10-11:30 a.m. – Michelle's Place Cancer Resource Center hosts its monthly All Cancer Support Circle, for anyone affected by cancer, including the caregivers and family members of a loved one with a diagnosis. August's group will decorate frames at the Michelle's Place Office on the Health & Wellness Center campus, 1636 E. Mission Road. It is free to attend. For questions, call 951-699-5455 or email fallbrook@michellesplace.org.

Aug. 12 – 8 a.m. – Save Our Forest is holding "Perking Up the Pico" to restore the Pico Promenade by cleaning out all the weeds; bring a hat, gloves and tools. Sign in on Ash Street.

RSVP to the Fallbrook Land Conservancy office, 760-728-0889, and get a pancake breakfast after the cleanup.

Aug. 12 – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. – The Palomar Radio Control Flyers host National Model Aviation Day at Johnson Field, where visitors can learn more about Radio Control Aircraft and sign up for free flying lessons. From I-15, go east on Pala Road approximately 1/4 mile to Pankey Road and turn north onto the dirt road to the field. For more info, visit www.palomarrcflyers.com.

Aug. 15 – 10-11:30 a.m. – Michelle's Place Cancer Resource Center hosts its monthly Mind, Body and Beyond, for anyone affected by cancer, including the caregivers and family members of a loved one with a diagnosis. August's group will learn about the Mediterranean Diet at the Michelle's Place Office on the Health & Wellness Center campus, 1636 E. Mission Road. It is free to attend. For questions, call 951-699-5455 or email fallbrook@michellesplace.org.

Aug. 27 – 2-4 p.m. – TAKE3 lives at the intersection where pop, rock and classical fusion collide. They will play music from the Beatles and Leonard Cohen to Beethoven. Tickets are \$20-\$25 adults. Children 18 and under are free. For tickets and more info, go to <https://www.fallbrookmusicsociety.org> or <https://www.fallbrookmissiontheater.com>

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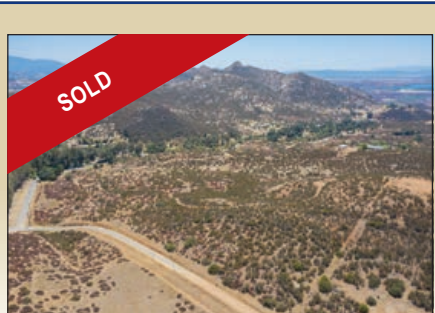
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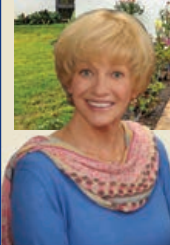


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