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Ending the school year strong with Students of the Month

Christine Eastman
Special to the Village News

North Coast Church hosted Fallbrook Unified High School District's final Students of the Month celebration for the year on Thursday, May 2. Here are our stars of the day to close out a great 2023-2024 school year.

All four are from Fallbrook High School.

Bailey Petersen (Nominated by Alana Milton)

With an outstanding 4.1 GPA, Petersen isn't one to shy away from a challenge. Having picked up lacrosse on a whim her junior year (and of course becoming a stellar player) and being a gold star student, she is the kid who is the "great motivator in a group – she won't do the work for them but motivates the other kids to bring it," said Milton. She added about Petersen, "She is a quiet force to be reckoned with."

Gunnar Payne (Nominated by George Herring and Marin Pinnell)

Also a kid with great grades of course, Payne, according to Pinnell "is curious in a quirky way." She continued, "He has unexpected traits and questions that lead him to ask me things like 'Ms. Pinnell, can I pick the classroom lock?' Whether it be picking locks or testing out pen launchers, Payne pushes boundaries and perceptions. Herring said, "Gunnar is chaotic – in a good way." He comes from a family who races motorcycles and Herring told him "Gunnar, you are a motorcycle without brakes. Don't change that because it's working for you."

Joanna Mendez (Nominated by Marin Pinnell)

Pinnell opened with "Joanna is a curious soul. She investigates

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Fiery collision leaves four dead, one hospitalized



North County Fire remains on scene just east of Horse Ranch Creek Road on SR 76/Pala Road where a fiery collision killed four people Friday night, May 5.

Village News/Gilbert Gonzalez photo

Village News Staff

Just east of Horse Ranch Creek Road on SR 76/Pala Road, a fiery head-on collision left four people dead Friday night, May 5.

A fifth person was reported to have survived and was transported by NCFPD to a local hospital in serious condition. The crash was reported at 11:21 p.m. One of the vehicles, a Chrysler 300, was reported to be "fully engulfed."

The CHP reported, "An unidentified individual was driving

a silver Chrysler 300 eastbound on State Route 76, east of Horse Ranch Creek Road. A 58-year-old male was driving a white Jeep Gladiator westbound on State Route 76, east of Horse Ranch Creek Road. A 56-year-old male was driving a silver Toyota Camry westbound on State Route 76, behind the Jeep. For reasons still under investigation, the Chrysler veered to the left, into oncoming traffic, and collided with the front of the Jeep. The Toyota was involved in a minor

side-swipe with the Jeep after the first impact."

The California Highway Patrol and North County Fire Protection District responded to the scene.

The drivers of the Chrysler and Jeep succumbed to their injuries, along with two adult passengers of the Jeep. A third adult passenger of the Jeep suffered major injuries.

It is not yet known if alcohol or drugs played a factor in this collision. The investigation is ongoing, and the CHP is asking

anyone who has information or may have witnessed this incident to contact the Oceanside Area CHP office at 760-643-3400. The identity of the deceased will be released through the San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office.

Video: <https://youtu.be/78yEIWGE0Y?si=w6PDtogeIgFetmfk>

Gilbert Gonzalez of *SOCAL NEWS* contributed to this report.

Speech students compete at state level



Migrant Ed speech students, from left, Juliana Maldonado, Adalinda Padilla and Julio Tovar Romero pose with their teacher Cesar Rodriguez.



At a recent FUHSD Board meeting, board members, from left, recognize the Migrant Ed speech students, Tauna Rodarte, Oscar Caralampio, Eddie Jones, Superintendent Ilsa Garza Gonzalez, Adalinda Padilla, Juliana Maldonado, Julio Tovar Romero and teacher Cesar Rodriguez.

FALLBROOK – Three Migrant Education students and their Speech Teacher went to Monterey, California to compete in the Migrant Education State Speech and Debate Tournament 2024, May 3-5.

Juliana Maldonado participated in the 12th grade English Speech and even though she has only been studying English for three years she did great. Adalinda Padilla participated in the 12th grade

Spanish Speech and earned third place in her Prepared Speech.

Julio Tovar Romero participated in the 11th grade Spanish Speech and took third place with both his Prepared and Extemporaneous speeches. All of this was made possible by their coach and teacher, Cesar Rodriguez.

The students were also honored at a recent FUHSD Board meeting.

Submitted by Fallbrook Union High School.

The Mill closes permanently after repeated visits from the County



The Village News interviews Tiffany Garcia upstairs at The Mill.

Village News photo

Julie Reeder
 Publisher

Tiffany Garcia and her business partner sold a furniture rental business in Carlsbad and they decided to move to Fallbrook. After she moved to Fallbrook, she spotted the old building which was an eyesore on the corner of Brandon and East Mission.

She said, "When I stumbled across this property it was abandoned and had been taken over by homeless and druggies. It had been taken over by heroin addicts. There weren't any of

the new floors and walls that are here now. There were needles everywhere and probably 10 mattresses thrown around where people were sleeping."

She said, "The county had no problem turning a blind eye when the property was a drug filled homeless encampment, but as soon as a small business moves in, they essentially make it impossible to get anything accomplished unless you have deep pockets and jump through every one of their ridiculous hoops. It took us two

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Garden club to feature 'Pest Management'



Dr. Eric Middleton examines plants for signs of pests. Village News/Courtesy photo

FALLBROOK – Dr. Eric Middleton will be the guest speaker at Fallbrook Garden Club's May 28 general meeting. He joined University of California Cooperative Extension/San Diego as an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Advisor at the beginning of June 2022.

Although he is based in San Diego County, Middleton is also responsible for IPM needs in Orange and Los Angeles counties. He works with growers and communities wherever pests are in issue, including in nursery and floriculture production, citrus and avocado groves, and the many small farms found in San Diego County. His primary focus is on insects and arthropod pests.

Middleton is passionate about sustainable agriculture and investigating practical pest management solutions. His goals are to conduct research that is directly applicable to the needs of growers, to promote practices that have less of an impact on the environment, and to share his findings in a way that is accessible to everyone."

General meetings are held at the Fallbrook Community Center, 341 Heald Lane, with social time at 12:30 p.m., business at 1:00 and the program at 2:00. Guests are welcome; they are asked to stop by the Membership Table for a guest name tag.

For further information relating to the club and its activities, visit www.fallbrookgardenclub.org.

Submitted by Fallbrook Garden Club.

NCTD pilot program to add FLEX service to Fallbrook community

SAN DIEGO – To assess the effectiveness and viability of microtransit within its service area, the North County Transit District plans to initiate a Pilot Program that includes a staged launch NCTD+ Microtransit service within the geographic zones that were ranked the most suitable for the microtransit service.

NCTD is evaluating Fallbrook/Pala as a tier 1 candidate for NCTD+ Microtransit pilot service, which is proposed to begin October 2025 and is subject to change.

Through the Pilot Program, NCTD will launch two zones each fiscal year over the next two fiscal years, subject to vehicle, operator, and funding availability. NCTD+ Microtransit service zones that are successful will be considered for continuation beyond the initial 12-month pilot, subject to the

availability of vehicles, staffing and funding.

Local residents are asked to give their input and to advocate for transit improvements in their community.

To ensure that feedback is investigated and processed in a timely manner, submit feedback via the NCTD contact page at <https://gonctd.com/contact-us/>.

Continue to contact NCTD Customer Service for Trip-Planning and general assistance by calling 760-966-6500. Its call center hours are Monday-Friday, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on weekends/holidays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Check for Real-time updates at <https://gonctd.com/now/>.

Submitted by North County Transit District.

CALENDAR

May 18 – 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. – The Fallbrook Fire Safe Council is holding a chipping day at Station 4, 4375 Pala Mesa Dr., Fallbrook.

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

May 27 – 11 a.m. – Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1924 to hold its annual Memorial Day Ceremony at Fallbrook Masonic Cemetery, 1177 Santa Margarita Drive. Includes

Voice of Democracy essay winner and Honorary Guest Speaker Retired Air Force Lt Col Kenneth Munson. Fallbrook Garden Club to provide flowers to place on graves. A free lunch will be provided at the VFW Hall, 1175 Old Stage Road.

June 2 – 2-4 p.m. – Fallbrook Woman's Club presents "The Fallbrook Follies" at Mission Theater, 231 N. Main Ave. Enjoy an entertaining afternoon of music, dance, comedy, and a little Vaudeville. All proceeds will go to preserving the historic 1867 Carriage House clubhouse. For more information and tickets, go to <https://fallbrookwomensclub.org/> or <https://fallbrookmissiontheater.com/>.

June 8 – 1-4 p.m. – Fallbrook Historical Society Annual Open House, "Scraps Of History," Heritage Center, 1730 South Hill Avenue. The featured exhibit will be quilts by Fallbrook Quilt Guild.

Sept. 14 – 5-8:30 p.m. – Foundation for Senior Care will hold its annual 'Honoring the Past & changing the future' fundraiser at Pala Mesa Resort. It will celebrate the impact of seniors in its past and inspire a positive change for the seniors of today. For info about sponsorship opportunities, contact Joanna Costello at 760-723-7570 or jcostello@foundationforseniorcare.org.

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

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The deadline for Obituaries is Monday, noon. Email to villageeditor@reedermedia.com.

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

LEGAL NOTICES _____
The deadline for Legal notices is Monday, noon. Email to legals@reedermedia.com.

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vallecitos School District ("District") is seeking sealed bids from qualified general contractors for work on the following public construction project ("Project"): Bid No. 2023-24-01 - Vallecitos School District Roof Replacement Project. The project location is the Vallecitos Elementary School. See Bid Documents for more information. The Project shall be completed through a single general contract awarded by the District directly to the contractor.

BID DOCUMENTS: A contractor may obtain the documents necessary to submit a bid on or after May 15, 2024 from the Superintendent/CBO, Meliton Sanchez. contact Meliton Sanchez at msanchez@vallecitossd.net. The Bid Documents will also be available on the Vallecitos School District webpage – <https://www.vallecitossd.net>. Bidder(s) wishing to receive hard copies of the plans can arrange to have them printed at their own expense. There will be no refunds for plans purchased for bidding. Should you have any questions please contact Meliton Sanchez with Vallecitos School District – msanchez@vallecitossd.net.

PLACE FOR SUBMITTING BIDS: Bids must be submitted to the District at the following location:
Vallecitos School District
Attn: Superintendent/CBO
5211 Fifth Street
Rainbow, CA 92028

BID DEADLINE: Bids must be received at the district office not later than 2:00 PM on Friday, June 7, 2024.

REQUIRED BID SECURITY: Each bid must be submitted with bid security as described in the Instructions for Bidders.

CONTRACTOR LICENSE: In order to bid on the Work, a contractor must have a CSLB-issued contractor license with the following classification(s): C-39- Roofing Contractor.

CONTRACTOR PREQUALIFICATION: Prequalification pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 20111.6 is required, as described in the Instructions for Bidders. Contractors may prequalify by emailing msanchez@vallecitossd.net to receive a pre-qualification packet.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE: The District will conduct a mandatory pre-bid conference and site visit at 9:00 AM on May 24, 2024. The conference shall occur at Vallecitos Elementary School, 5211 Fifth Street, Rainbow, CA 92028.

AWARD OF CONTRACT: The award of the Contract will be based on the following method of determining the lowest bid: Base Bid Only

SOLE SOURCE ITEMS: The District has found that one or more particular materials, products, things, or services, as described in the Special Provisions, shall be designated by specific brand or trade name, or otherwise limited to one specific concern, as permitted by Public Contract Code Section 3400.

SURETY BONDS: As described in the General Provisions, the successful bidder must provide a Performance Bond and a separate Payment Bond, each in an amount equal to 100% of the total Contract Price.

LABOR LAW: The Project is a "public work" that is subject, among other provisions, to Labor Code Sections 1720 through 1861, inclusive. As described in the Instructions for Bidders, each contractor and subcontractor must be registered with the DIR in accordance with Labor Code Section 1725.5, and bidders must provide evidence of registration for themselves and their subcontractors. Each worker on the Project must be paid not less than the applicable Prevailing Wages. A copy of the applicable rates of Prevailing Wages will be on file and available for review at the Place for Submitting Bids, and a copy will be posted at the Project Site. The Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the DIR. The successful bidder will be required to post all job-site notices required by DIR regulations and other applicable law. If so specified in the Special Provisions, the District will conduct a mandatory conference for the purpose of describing labor-law requirements.

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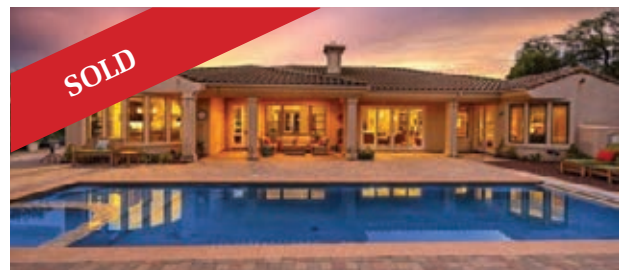
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OPINION

The Mill closing is reminiscent of my own experience



Julie Reeder
Publisher

The Mill closing is sad. It's a loss for our town and I have to believe if we were incorporated as a city, it wouldn't have happened. We would have more influence and control over our own businesses and our own Department of Planning and Services or Land Use.

What was a neglected rundown property at the entrance to town, a haven for drug addicts, heroin users and the homeless, was transformed into a beautiful building and a hip, cool business. It was different. It was fun, and it was one of the very few businesses that welcomed children and was family-friendly. There was a corner set aside in the outdoor patio area with a sandbox and things for kids to play with while the adults enjoyed each other's company.

Anyway, the County apparently couldn't come up with a creative solution to save this business and the investment of these young entrepreneurs. I doubt they cared or tried.

It reminded me, sadly, of my own story. I bought the Elder House property where 127 is now years ago. It was a charter school at the time. I just loved the historic house, the patio, the stream in the back. We actually lived upstairs for a few months as well. We spent tens of thousands of dollars painting it after it had been neglected for years. We renovated the inside, built a new bridge in the back, cleaned out the stream and made it something Fallbrook could be proud of.

We had concerts that brought people from not only Fallbrook, but also Temecula. I can't tell you how many times I heard, "Fallbrook is so beautiful. I can't believe we've never been here before."

Anyway, we ran afoul of the County Planning Department because, like with the Mill, "someone" complained about our school.

Never mind that it mostly served young students who were falling through the cracks in public school.

Never mind that they were doing amazing in their new school that tailored learning for each of them individually. The County of San Diego said that they weren't allowed to be there. It was the wrong zoning.

Nevermind that the charter school had every right to be there because they were chartered by the state of California at that exact address, which supersedes the county planning.

Nevermind that the attorney in the Governor's office said we were

right but they couldn't join us in our fight.

Nevermind that the very politicians who had written the charter school legislation wrote us letters of support against the county.

Nevermind that a civil rights attorney said the county was squashing the students' civil rights. None of that mattered. What mattered was that the county attorney, when in a meeting with my real estate attorney and myself and the superintendent of the school said, "We don't care." When presented with any answer or reasoning to support our position, he simply said, "We don't care."

It was an unbelievable situation. My rent checks for the school, received directly from the county, stopped.

We also had made improvements to the property after hiring a firm that did exclusively school architecture and improvements. They were experts. What we experienced was going to the county and being told one thing, and then being told something else from a different county employee.

The right hand didn't know what the left hand was doing or saying. It was unbelievable. Then one day county trucks showed up to kick the children out of the Elder House, which would have meant they would be in the cold on the back patio.

Luckily, we had already canceled school. The Fallbrook resident who was the head of DPLU screamed at me on the sidewalk. I couldn't believe it. So, the school serving maybe 30 students closed.

Rumors were that it was the teachers' union that had complained. I don't know. I do know that the superintendent at the time could have saved the school, but she refused. Was the daily attendance revenue really that much of a loss for FUESD? Most of the students transferred to Temecula anyway.

State leaders told me that we were right, but it came down to my attorney's question, "How much time do you have to put into this (post recession) and how much money do you have to fight the County's deep pockets?" Since it was post 2008, we were in an impossible situation, so we gave up and after Village News couldn't sustain the rent, we did a short sell of the property.

I didn't write about it in the Village News. I was concerned about making the Village News all about me and now I regret not shouting it from the mountain tops, or at least from the balcony. I loved that property. I still do. It's one of my favorite spots in town and Roy Moosa and Faro Trupiano have done an excellent job with it.

I just know first-hand that Main Avenue decisions being made from downtown San Diego costs us in ways we don't even all know. For me it was instrumental in the greatest financial loss my family has experienced. I'm sure there are plenty of stories like mine that I haven't heard and I would like to print those stories if you have one. Forgive me if I'm feeling a little extra sad as I drive by the Mill, which is now closed.

Re: 'The spiraling demise of our nation' [Village News, Maynard letter, 5/9/24]

So we have another screed from Magaworld, otherwise known as Earth 2, claiming the imminent demise of America and all those values held dear by "real Americans."

To start, we will concur on one point – the protests on college campuses sympathetic to Hamas are a disgrace, and one can certainly sympathize with the Palestinian people without being anti-Semitic. The indiscriminate slaughter of Palestinian women and children is horrendous and must be addressed, but blaming Jewish people as a whole for Netanyahu's war tactics is not useful and only causes more division.

Meanwhile, here on Earth 1, the economy is strong, job growth is robust. Yes, inflation is a problem but it is also a worldwide problem, not just in America. We are only a few years out of a worldwide pandemic which upended pretty much everything, recovery is slow but happening.

On Earth 1, our crumbling bridges and highways are beginning to be rebuilt thanks to Biden's 1.2 trillion dollar Bipartisan Infrastructure law passed in November of 2021. Hint – it's not going to be instantaneous but will take time, just as it took years to allow for the continuous "crumbling" under Republicans who were avid to give tax cuts to their rich pals and corporate donors, and to shuck off any responsibility for maintaining the basic highway, rail and communications systems that make our country work. Remember those "Infrastructure Weeks" under Trump? How did that work out?

On Earth 1, support for Ukraine is vital; if Putin is allowed to win he will assuredly not stop at Ukraine, as anyone who knows anything about the world order knows full well. He will go on to attack NATO countries which will mean American troops in combat in Europe. The Magaworld/Earth 2 people seem oblivious to this fact. Apparently none are students of history.

On Earth 1, crime is down across the nation, the numbers tell the story – but of course in Magaworld/Earth 2 there are criminal hordes let loose in our cities and towns bent on rapes, robberies and general mayhem. Fact – most crimes are committed by American citizens.

Yes, homelessness is an enormous problem which will only be solved by building affordable housing, as the median rent here in San Diego County is approximately 2300 per month. This is a fact, and pretending that the sad numbers of the homeless will somehow levitate out of sight is not useful or productive.

Yes, even on Earth 1 we know people in large numbers are crossing into our country, many illegally and they should be considered accordingly, but the same pejoratives were used against the Irish, Italians and other immigrants who came here. Most are desperately seeking a better life and only want a chance to work and live without fear.

Here on Earth 1, it is a fact (such an inconvenient word for some) that comprehensive immigration reform would now be law if not for Magaworld/Earth 2 Republicans refusing to vote for it on instruction from their Dear Leader because it would be a win for President Biden. Fact.

As for partisan hacks in black robes, look no further than some members of the Supreme Court appointed by Trump.

Trump is on trial for fraud, one of the 88 current indictments he faces, and it is way past the time that he should be held accountable. He's been a fraud and con artist since he's been out of diapers but has had the money to hire a fleet of lawyers to keep justice at bay. He should have been in jail long ago and not sullying the Oval Office with his sleaze.

On Earth 1, the right-wing Christian Nationalist movement is dangerous and needs to be called out as such, but this is not tantamount to slandering all good

Christians (note – Catholics are Christian), Jews and others who believe in the rule of law and the separation of church and state.

The narrow-minded book banners and rabid Forced Birth folks are a loud minority and have way too much power. You don't like a certain book? Don't read it. You don't like abortion? Don't have one, but allow others who don't share your particular values to live their lives free from the oppression of your narrow beliefs.

As for President Biden, what are the crimes he's supposedly committed? He has the misfortune to have a wayward son who used his father's name to curry favor, unlike Trump's progeny who gifted their way through four years in the White House and beyond – 2 billion to Jared from the Saudis right after Trump (unwillingly) left office.

On Earth 1, we can't really see a "crisis of morality" enveloping our nation except in some minds, but you can be sure if Trump is again elected, there will be a tsunami of wickedness and criminality unleashed on our nation. The events of January 6th are only a foretaste of what will happen if he manages to get reelected.

As for Trump being "deprived of his First Amendment rights," no one has reigned him in until Judge Merchan, who is trying to maintain some order, and to protect jurors and court officials from the predations and threats of Trump followers. It's interesting that Trump screams about his own First Amendment rights while calling the press "the enemy of the people," and threatening to go after news outlets he doesn't like if he's returned to power.

Final thought – admittedly, we are not a perfect nation, but the goal has always been to "aspire to perfect," to better our country, and in doing our best to welcome all who want to live here as long as they are peaceful and believe in the values of a democratic society. It's hard work, but worth the effort.

Robert & Georgiana Silvestro

Gas tax rising again



Supervisor Jim Desmond
5th District

As you know, we're facing a critical situation with soaring gas prices, escalating energy and utility costs, out-of-control

housing expenses, and relentless inflation driving up the prices of goods and services. Many of our fellow Californians, including seniors on fixed incomes and hardworking families, are finding it increasingly difficult to afford even the most basic necessities.

With these challenges, it is inconceivable that the State of California is once again moving forward with a gas tax increase. Effective July 1, the Gas Tax is slated to rise by an additional 2 cents, bringing the total tax burden to a staggering 59.6 cents per gallon. This comes at a time when California already has the highest gas prices in the nation, further exacerbating the financial strain on our residents.

According to recent data from AAA, the average cost of gas in California has soared to nearly

\$5.40 per gallon, a sharp contrast to the national average of \$3.66. Such disparity is not only unjustifiable but also unsustainable.

We must take immediate action to address this issue. While I personally believe we need a complete suspension of the gas tax, at the very least, we must prevent this impending increase. Our state legislators possess the authority to halt this measure, and they must hear directly from us, their constituents.

I urge each of you to contact your Assemblymember and State Senator and express your concerns about the gas tax hike. Let them know that Californians' pump burden is already too heavy to bear, and further taxation will only deepen the financial hardship faced by many.

Helping young women achieve



Assemblymember Marie Waldron
75th District

Encouraging young women to fulfill their life's potential by taking full advantage of available educational opportunities is one of my passions. As a member of the Legislative Women's Caucus, I am happy to spread the word about the Minerva Scholarship program, established by the Women in

California Leadership Foundation to educate, support and empower young women and girls.

The foundation is committed to providing select young women of good character and demonstrated accomplishments with scholarships to help them achieve their objectives.

Applications for the Minerva Scholarships for the 2024-2025 academic year are now available. Up to 108 one-time \$3,000 scholarships will be awarded, along with one \$10,000 Golden Minerva Scholarship. All female California residents may apply for consideration.

Applicants, either graduate or undergraduate, must be enrolled full-time in an accredited college or university for the 2024-2025 academic year, with a minimum GPA of 2.5. While the program is aimed at full-time students, part-time students may apply if extenuating circumstances have resulted in less than a full class load, but an explanation must accompany the application.

The scholarship program is also open to previous Minerva

Scholarship winners and graduating high school seniors with proof of acceptance at an accredited institution of higher learning.

The application process is simple. Just fill out the application online, along with a 250-word personal statement and include your resume, enrollment verification or acceptance letter, and two letters of recommendation.

All applications and supporting documentation must be received by May 31, 2024. Late applications will not be accepted, and scholarship awards will be announced on July 15. The application and more information are available at: <https://wicl.us/scholarship-program/>.

All Californians should be able to reach their full potential. Over the last nine years, the Minerva Scholarship program has helped hundreds of California students. I am proud to help ensure that our outstanding young women will be able to take their places among the future leaders of this great state.

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Bonsall High School's Mock Trial club is a valuable program

Jeffrey Lee
Village News Intern

The Mock Trial club has been a great experience for me at Bonsall High School. In fact, I have decided to go into law and have already been accepted at two schools, including UC Berkeley.

When I examine how Mock Trial has benefited me, the impact this club has had is shown through all areas of my life. When I was a freshman and deciding what clubs would be best for me, it was vastly different from what I was used to.

I thought it wouldn't hurt to try something out of my comfort zone. Because of this single decision, I discovered my love for law, improved my writing skills, and joined a dedicated community, all sharing that same passion for the legal world.

I have grown into a phenomenal writer and public speaker because of this program. The lessons taught to me in Mock Trial have helped me in my college classes, advocating for others, and presenting my ideas in a precise but diligent manner.

Mock trials have been the catalyst for countless opportunities in my life. If I could give one tip

to anyone currently in high school or even college, it would be, "Don't be afraid of new things. Try something new even if you won't be the best at it."

When I started Mock Trial during my freshman year, I failed tremendously. It would've been easier to walk away, but I wanted to stay, learn, and improve. The next year, I obtained a perfect score on my closing argument. Always strive to go beyond your comfort zone. A whole world of opportunity could just be one decision away!

What is Mock Trial?

Mock Trial is an English honors program at Bonsall High School that grants students of all grades the opportunity to explore the legal system. A Mock Trial is an organized competition recognized nationwide at the high school and college level.

Bonsall High School's Mock Trial competitions are organized under the San Diego Mock Trial Association. Students are provided a fake case and tasked with taking the role of attorneys, witnesses, court clerks, timekeepers, and bailiffs.

Students within a team are divided into the defense and prosecution team but still work together to represent their school. Students practice criminal law and will receive cases ranging from manipulated fans committing battery on an influencer's behalf, to the alleged murder of a CEO of a family business. Students are given their case packets around October and go to court to compete against other teams in front of a real judge in February.

During competition month, both the defense and prosecution team will compete twice respectively. At the end of the season, students are scored based on their performance. The top two highest-scoring teams will compete against each other and the winner will move on to state-wide competition.

The San Diego Mock Trial Association has existed since 2007 and has worked tirelessly to provide students the opportunity to experience the rawest form of the legal system

How it started at Bonsall High School

In 2018, English teacher and licensed attorney Margret

Armijo created one of the most fundamental clubs in Bonsall High School's existence, in my opinion.

Armijo is a beloved teacher and has dedicated herself to facilitating the growth of the next generation of students. She has guided students academically and never stops to ensure her learning environment is safe and fun for those who preside within it.

Alongside Armijo, our attorney coach Jerrica Phillips has generously given her time, knowledge, and wisdom to help our club and students grow. Phillips joined the Bonsall Mock Trial team during 2020 and has finished her fourth year with us. She is a Supervising Deputy City Attorney and acts as a pillar of support for the club.

Armijo has acted as the advisor to class councils throughout the year whilst maintaining the integrity of her own club and classes. She's more than just a teacher, she's a friend and beloved member of the Bonsall High School staff. She's made the enormous sacrifice to dedicate hours out of her life every week to train, coach, and lead students during the club's weekly meetings.

Benefit

Mock Trial provides a myriad of benefits to brave students wanting to get the most out of their high school experience. Mock Trial excels in sharpening public speaking, critical thinking, organization, quick thinking, and the ability to act under pressure.

Public speaking is a fear a lot of students have. It's not uncommon and students shouldn't feel bad for having it. Mock Trial is a fantastic opportunity to bring students outside of their comfort zone and allow them to gain experience working within a team.

When I and many other students started a Mock Trial, we weren't at our best. It was something new which was scary, but opened up the chance for us to improve together as a team. It's an extremely engaging club and has been the club of choice for the past three valedictorians.

I believe Mock Trial is a great benefit to students as they put the core subjects in practice and beyond, in an interesting and enriching way that could also help give them some direction for their future.




“ We were just looking through this week's and last week's publications with joy :) ... It is wonderful to have a community newspaper that supports education in our community the way the Village News does. Thank you to you and your entire staff for keeping all of the best of Bonsall USD in the news, we appreciate it. Thank you! ”

Gina McInerney
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
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The May Students of the Month are, from left, Kela Kendall, Joanna Mendez, Gunnar Payne and Bailey Petersen. Village News/Christine Eastman photo

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everything because she wants to know ‘why.’” She is a brilliant bilingual student, helps with the family business, has a 4.6 GPA and is an AP scholar. Her mom said, “Every day we learn something from her, because she lives to learn.” When she’s not busy with family and studies and asking questions, Mendez is killing it for our community, racking up service hours with the Angel Society and being an awesome human.

Kela Kendall (Nominated by Bryan Romanelli)
Romanelli told a great story about Kendall saying, “Kela

invited me to a water polo match. I really wanted to be home with my family because my kids are babies and I live in Escondido, but for whatever reason I decided to go.” He continued, “She led her team in prayer and kissed a fellow teammate on the forehead and told her she loved her. At that moment I knew I should be there and didn’t want to rush home – in a world gone sideways, Kela is a beacon of light.” Enough said.
Cheers to all our FUHSD students and community members who do the hard work and rally to support these kids so they can thrive and positively impact our hearts and community.

In closing for a successful school year, let it be known that this program couldn’t happen

without our Friendly Village and all the businesses that support the growth of our youngsters. Those supporters include the Fallbrook Alumni Association, Fallbrook PTSA, Pacific Western Bank, Fallbrook Village Rotary Club, Fallbrook Vintage Car Club, Fallbrook Women’s Club, Republican Women of California/Fallbrook, Bonsall Woman’s Club, Youngren Construction, Dr. Eric Ramos Optometry, Fallbrook’s Angel Society and American Association of University Women.

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months to clean and cost \$15 to \$20,000 to haul away the trash and green waste because of the neglect.

“I had on my rose colored glasses. All I could see were the beams and the barn and the structure, I could see what it could look like if it was fixed up, but the way it works in a small town is that the county isn’t going to come visit you unless someone complains and unfortunately in a small town such as Fallbrook, there are people who drive around and do just that for no reason or no purpose whatsoever. Maybe they don’t like to see change or maybe it’s a neighbor who’s disgruntled. But for whatever reason we got a call from the county early on and once they get a call, they come out, and once they’ve come out, you can’t get them off your back and that’s when we started encountering a lot of problems.”

She added, “When I saw [the rundown property] I immediately fell in love and I decided I was going to do whatever was needed to get this property. And we did. We tracked down the owner and signed a lease to own and had grandiose plans of doing a co-op business idea that included having a brewery, coffee shop, pizzeria, and retail. Our dream was to create a family friendly establishment in Fallbrook where families could eat, have a drink and hang out with friends. We really felt like there was a need for it in the community.”

“So, very quickly after we started doing renovations to the property, revived it back from the poor state it was in and immediately we were getting shut down by the County for things right and left and unfortunately we’ve been in an ongoing battle with the county for the past four years and depending on which case worker (inspector) gets assigned to our property at the moment, they say one thing and we try to abide by their rules and do what they say and then someone else gets assigned our case and they come up with a whole different set of things.”

“We’ve just had a really rough time getting everything buttoned up here to the point where we are actually going to be selling the property. We put our heart and soul

into it and our goal is just to have a voice because we feel like no one is really advocating for small business owners in Fallbrook specifically. I was probably naive thinking that it would be easier to operate a business in an unincorporated town but it’s actually harder. I would hope there would be some reform and change so there would be an easier path for business owners here because we have not had an easy time at all.”

Garcia said, “I think at this point our only option is to sell and our original dream for this property is just not possible. I think now the County has a lot of permits ordered that we would have to get to turn this space into what it needs to be and we don’t have the deep pockets. We fought as hard as we could and unfortunately we don’t have any fight in us any longer and we’re hoping to find a buyer who sees the potential for this property, who loves this property as much as we do and they can create something for the community.”

When asked if the lack of permits was disclosed in her real estate paperwork, Garcia said it was not.

Elsa Mickelsen said, “We viewed it as a ‘collective backyard’ for many of us, to quote an old tv show ‘a place where everybody knew your name.’ It was an easy casual social outlet where you could go and enjoy a sunny afternoon with friends. One of these friends is a senior citizen who has lost her only social outlet within easy walking distance, and now has nothing but her bleak apartment. This closing will be the toughest on her, as she has nowhere else she can get to on her own. I worry about her the most, declining health without that daily walk.”

“All of her friends she made at The Mill will be reaching out to her for activities and outings, but that won’t replace the independence she had with her daily Mill visits.”

“It’s a shame, the town is a little shy of casual patio space. We will all miss The Mill.”

A frequent customer, Ashleigh Varela, said, “We are extremely saddened the mill is closing. We have so many memories spent there. We had our engagement party there and a lot of after school hangouts!”

Of The Mill, Robert Schoen said, “It was a great place to relax, have some good food,

good beer, good company, good conversation. I got to experience a lot of local musicians I never knew. The outdoor environment was pleasant, as well as the indoor. I made some new friends that helped me through a rough time. The staff working the bar and the kitchen were always so kind and friendly. A family friendly place to bring your kids, and animals made it even better. I felt safe and welcomed at the Mill. I had a lot of great times, and met a lot of great people. It was a second home to me filled with some caring loving people that accepted me. I got to see the Friendly Village of Fallbrook come to life.”


North County Fire honors 107 year old



Fallbrook resident Betsy Phillips, front, center, enjoys a visit from North County Fire personnel on her 107th birthday, May 13, from left, back, EMT student ride along from Palomar college Gabriel Gutierrez, EMT Dawson Fluck, Paramedic Gavin Miller, Firefighter/paramedic Josh Kortekaas, Captain Anthony Fieri, NCFPD Board member Jeff Egkan, and Battalion Chief Thomas Harrington.



With birthday bouquets behind her, Betsy Phillips wears a crown on her 107th birthday. Village News/Courtesy photos



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Fallbrook's Railroad Heritage Park

FALLBROOK – With the help of Southwest Boulder & Stone and Fallbrook's Community Benefit Program, the Fallbrook Village Association is in the next phase of completion of the new Railroad Heritage Park on the northwest corner of Elder and Main.

The park will honor the past and educate a new generation about Fallbrook's rich agrarian past, present and future and the rail industry that made it possible.

Southwest Boulder & Stone donated a beautiful stone that will feature the names of donors who contributed \$500 or more. Anyone who would like to contribute to this Fallbrook Village Association project, can do so at <https://fallbrookvillageassociation.org/railroad-heritage-park>.

Submitted by Fallbrook Village Association.

Workers from Southwest Boulder & Stone unload a stone slab that will be used to list names of donors who contribute \$500 or more to the Railroad Heritage Park.

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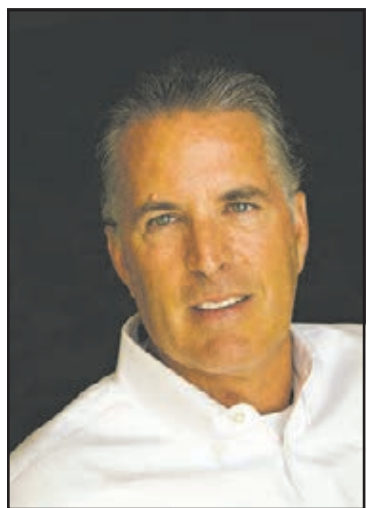


Hatch to mark 100 years next week



Fallbrook resident Betty Hatch is to celebrate her 100th birthday Sunday, May 19. Village News/Courtesy photo

When life doesn't make sense



Dr. Rick Koole
LifePointe church

It was about 11 years ago that my wife, Carolyn, and I struggled to decide whether or not to accept the invitation to pastor what is now LifePointe Church in the heart of Fallbrook.

It was a difficult decision. We were very comfortable back in our home town of Grand Rapids, Michigan. In many ways it did not make much sense. My wife, Carolyn, headed the local pregnancy resource center, and I pastored a remarkable and loving church that was growing rapidly and had just finished a major building program. It seemed as if we knew everyone in town, and as I said, we were comfortable.

And then one day God showed

me that He had not called me "to be comfortable."

The key moment for me came when I was visiting the presidential museum of another Grand Rapids native, former President Gerald R. Ford. I was by myself when I wandered outside onto the grounds to visit his gravesite. In the solitude of that haven I saw etched on his stone monument one of his favorite passages from the Bible. They were verses that had given him strength as he labored with the difficult decisions only he could make after the resignation of former President Richard Nixon: Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths."

Although I knew those verses well, it was as if God was issuing a challenge to me. A challenge to trust him even if I didn't understand what he was up to. I left with a new awareness of how God moves. When God calls us to do something, too often we fail to do it because to us it doesn't make sense. We "lean on our own understanding." God tells us clearly to trust him even if we don't understand his purposes.

As I said earlier, we were "comfortable" back in Michigan. But I realized that God does not call us to be comfortable. He calls us to trust him and be "obedient." One of my favorite sayings is that

I want to experience God doing the "unexplainable." I've learned that for that to happen we need to "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding."

Has God ever challenged you to do something uncomfortable that didn't seem to make sense to you? When Carolyn and I left the church we loved in Michigan, we didn't understand what God had in store for us in California. Our church was doing well, and to be honest, we were quite comfortable. One lesson we learned is that God didn't call us to be comfortable, he calls us to be obedient.

Some of you are like me and want to know all the particulars before you make a serious move. But God makes it very clear in Proverbs 3:5 that we must, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding."

If you really want to experience God doing the unexplainable in your life or your church, let me suggest that you trust him wholly, especially when you don't understand the details of his plan for you.

Carolyn and I are now able to understand better why God called us to Fallbrook. She continues to be the director of the Hope Clinic for Women. I'm enjoying pastoring LifePointe Church, and we both absolutely love the people of Fallbrook.

Hope Clinic for Women celebrates families at Hope Walks

FALLBROOK – Hope Clinic for Women will host "Hope Walks," a free family event at The Vineyard 1924, Saturday, June 15, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., 1924 E. Mission Road.

After the Walk, coaches and dads from their new Fatherhood Program will host a Cornhole Tournament and Chili Cook Off with prizes for the winners. Funds raised at the walk will help keep the HCW Fatherhood Program running and help it to grow.

The goal for this year is \$20,000 in sponsorships for the event and pledges for the walkers. Walkers may register at <https://secure.fundeasy.com/ministrysync/event/?e=26924> as the leader of a team and/or as a walker and receive a fundraising page to share on social media. Team Leader packets are available by calling Carolyn at 760-728-4105, Ext 10.

Sponsorship is vital to cover the cost of the walk allowing all pledges for walkers to support the free services HCW offers to new fathers and to their families. Business sponsors for Hope Walks will have their logos on Hope Walks T-shirts, available to all adults attending. Logos are to be sent to carolyn@hopefallbrook.com no later than May 24.

Sponsorship opportunities for Hope Walks are a Nike Sponsor at \$1,000, a Reebok Sponsor at \$800, an Adidas Sponsor at \$500, and a Converse Sponsor at \$250.

More information on sponsorships is available by calling Carolyn at 760.728.4105 Ext 10.

Teens may sign up to earn community service hours at Hope Walks by contacting Aujane at 760.728.4105 Ext 16 or at events@hopefallbrook.com.

In 2023, HCW impacted the futures of young families in Fallbrook. Time spent with trained patients, advocates and coaches provided these families with helpful medical services and opportunities to learn and grow as parents and individuals and to make informed choices.

With a focus at the clinic on first trimester medical services, in 2023 HCW provided 71 free pregnancy tests and 88 free ultrasounds. Along with pregnancy services support, HCW hosted over 1,040 client visits, 789 individual educational classes, and celebrated 23 babies born to moms in their programs.

Those interested in learning more about client programs and

volunteer opportunities at HCW may email Carolyn at carolyn@hopefallbrook.com and visit www.hopefallbrook.com.

Submitted by Hope Clinic for Women.

2023 Hope Walks participants enjoy a walk through The Vineyard at 1924.

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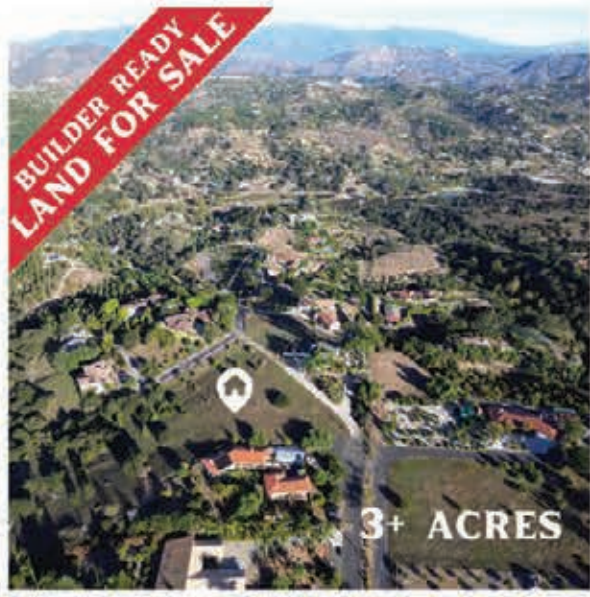
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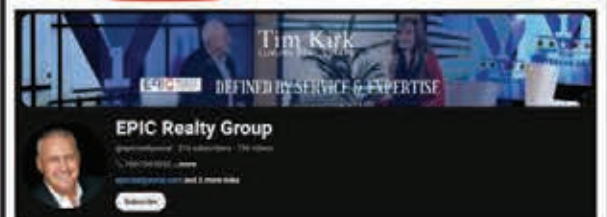
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'Off the Wall' art exhibit joined by 'Optimism' art



Skin and Bones, 10 Wind Chime
by Toti O'Brien



Constructivist Assemblage 2 by Cyril Vojak



Constructivist Assemblage 3 by Cyril Vojak

Village News/Courtesy photos

FALLBROOK – Friends of the Fallbrook Library announced two new art exhibits “Off The Wall” and “Optimism” beginning Monday, May 20, and running through Friday, July 5.

A plank of wood. A spool of wire. A rusty piece of metal. A wooden spoon. Are they elements of wall art and sculpture? Certainly, they are. Assemblage art combines disparate three dimensional found objects that speak to the artists who design them into art that draws us in for a closer look.

Random three-dimensional objects that are usually meaningless separately come together creating a whole new artwork that is visually interesting and exciting. The three artists and sculptor in this show stimulate our senses with their creative combinations that seem to defy gravity.

On the Reading Patio, Joseph Henseler will display his seven-foot sculpture created from leftover construction materials. Using glass tile, concrete, steel, plywood, resin and more, his piece, “Optimism,”

seems to fly.

In the Community Room, three artists will exhibit their creations. Cyril Vojak called himself a constructivist and his work, “construction art.” Creating his pieces has been a journey of discovery, he said. He said he believed all things have a unique energy of their own, whether alive or static. Putting them together in an art construction is a “mind puzzle” and embodies his gratitude and passion, Vojak said.

Since 1995, Toti O'Brien has

been putting together and layering solid scraps and objects that she brings to life to create the unexpected. Her pieces tell stories that are personal yet allow viewer interpretation. Using bone, feathers, wood, found and created objects, the curiosity is piqued and asks people to enjoy a close encounter.

Mary Lou Owen is a metal artist. Though an artist for many years, for the past five, she has devoted her work exclusively to using metals and mixing them in her designs. Tin, copper, wire

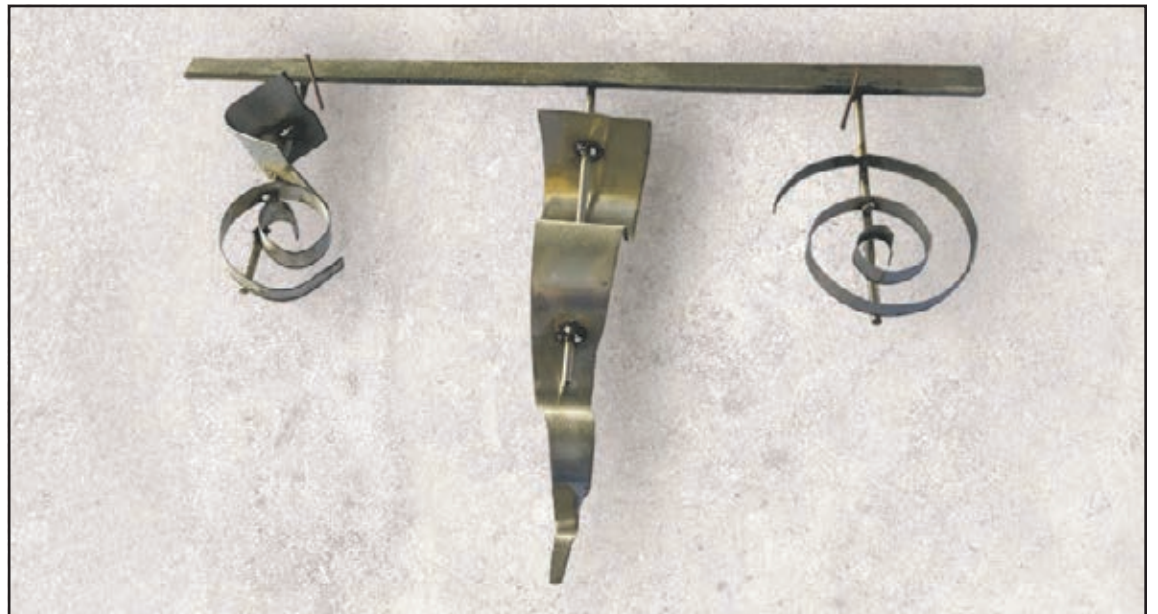
and more, her inspiration comes from nature, especially the coastal environment, to form the basis of her stylized sculptural art. Her pieces are delicate and moving.

The community is invited to an artist's reception, Saturday, May 25, from 2-4 p.m. Live music, light refreshments and stimulating discussion with the artists can be enjoyed at this free event. The library is located at 124 South Mission Road.

Submitted by Friends of the Fallbrook Library.



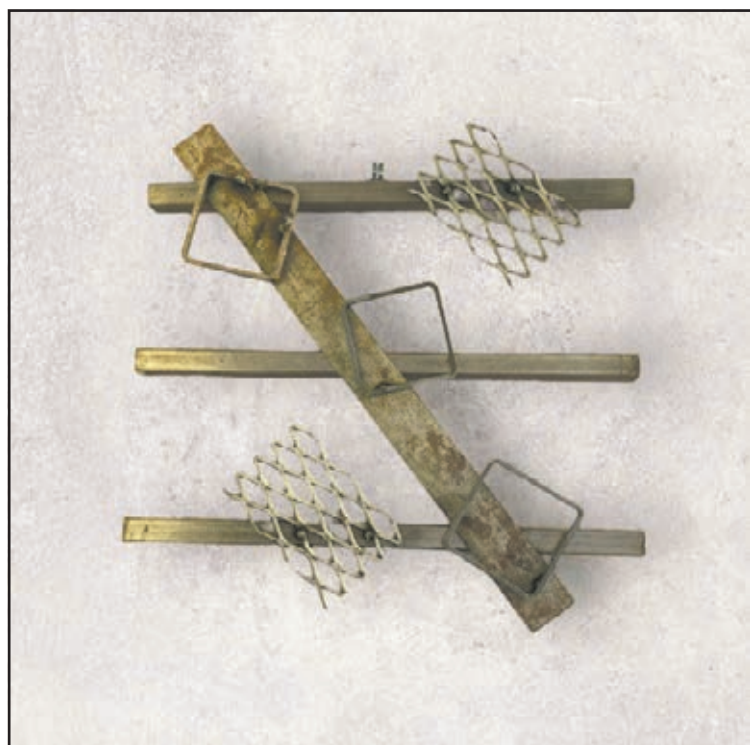
Optimism by Joseph Henseler



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Skin and Bones, 11 Matrix by Toti O'Brien



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HEALTH

TVH honored with national service excellence award for commitment to exceptional patient care



The UHS Service Excellence Award Ceremony at TVH is attended by, from left, Eddie Sim, President, Acute Care Division, Universal Health Services, Inc.; Darlene Wetton, Group Vice President, California, Southwest Healthcare; Marc D. Miller, President and CEO of UHS.

Steffani Natter and her family attend the UHS Service Excellence Award Ceremony at TVH. Village News/Courtesy photos

TEMECULA – Temecula Valley Hospital, a cornerstone of healthcare in the community, is thrilled to announce having earned the esteemed Universal Health Services, Inc. 2023 Service Excellence Award. This national recognition, presented annually by UHS President and CEO Marc D. Miller, celebrates

TVH's dedication to delivering unparalleled patient care and service quality.

At the heart of this accolade lies the powerful testimony of Steffani Natter, whose remarkable journey of survival after a life-threatening cardiac arrest underscores the profound impact of teamwork and compassion in healthcare. Natter's story, a key component of TVH's award submission, highlights the crucial role of collaboration in patient care.

Through the swift actions of first responders, the exceptional care provided by TVH's medical team, and the support of her "family" (friends and family), Natter's experience exemplifies the ethos of teamwork and compassion that defines TVH's approach to healthcare.

"Earning the UHS 2023 Service Excellence Award is a testament to the dedication and commitment of

every member of the TVH family," remarked Miller. "Their tireless efforts have not only elevated patient care standards but have also left an indelible mark on the community."

TVH's commitment to excellence extends far beyond this singular recognition, as evidenced by its consistently high Patient Satisfaction scores, stellar online star ratings, and numerous clinical service line designations.

The hospital's accolades, such as its 11 A Grades from the Leapfrog Group and recognition from U.S. News and World Report as a High Performing Hospital, alongside the multitude of testimonials from patients and families, further highlight its commitment to service excellence.

Darlene Wetton, CEO of TVH, recently promoted to Southwest Healthcare Group VP, California Region, expressed immense pride in TVH's achievements, saying,

"Every day, at every patient encounter, our team exemplifies the highest standards of quality and dedication. This award is a testament to our unwavering commitment to excellence."

The award ceremony, held amid a special outdoor celebration, showcased TVH's pivotal role as a cornerstone in the community. Local dignitaries, alongside members of law enforcement, emergency medical services, and TVH employees, all gathered to honor TVH's contributions to the health and wellbeing of its loyal community members.

As TVH continues its mission to provide exceptional care and support to its community, the Service Excellence Award serves as a beacon of recognition for the hospital's commitment to excellence in healthcare.

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Mental health facts that can help someone you know

Stanley Popovich
Special to the Village News

I dealt with fear and anxiety for over 20 years and there are 21 facts that I discovered during my mental health struggles that can help anyone who struggles with fear and anxiety.

Knowing these important mental health facts can save someone you know a lot of time and money in the long run.

1. Getting help for your mental health is the best thing you can do.
2. Ignoring your mental health issues will only prolong the problem.

3. Running away from your mental health issues does not work.

4. There is no such thing as a quick fix when it comes to your mental health.

5. There is nothing wrong in asking for assistance for your anxieties and stresses.

6. Your situation is not hopeless regardless of what you may think.

7. Focus on your recovery rather than trying to please others.

8. Go to the nearest hospital if you are experiencing a mental health crisis.

9. Your mental health is just as important as your physical health.

10. You have to make an effort in finding the answers to your mental health issues.

11. Focus on the facts of your situation rather than your fearful thoughts.

12. Joining a support group is a great way of finding people who can relate to you.

13. Follow the advice from the professionals, rather than your friends.

14. Do not try to manage your mental health problems all by yourself.

15. Determine the source of

your anxieties and then find ways to overcome them.

16. Do not make assumptions regarding your current mental health situation.

17. Do not underestimate the power of God when it comes to your mental health.

18. Learning from your past mental health experiences will help you in the present.

19. Drugs and alcohol are not the answers. They just make things worse.

20. It takes practice in managing your mental health. Be patient but persistent.

21. Do not be afraid to ask questions when dealing with your mental health.

If you happen to struggle with fear, anxiety, or any other mental health related issues, it is important to admit that you have a problem and get some help.

Your doctor or other medical professionals in your area will know of some qualified mental health professionals who can give you some assistance.

The key to overcoming your mental health issues is to "learn" effective techniques to manage your anxieties and stresses and "applying" these skills to your life. The best way to learn these techniques is by talking to a mental health professional.

Everyone deals with stress and anxiety sometime in their life. You are not alone and there is nothing wrong with asking someone for advice on how to deal with these mental health related issues.

Stan Popovich is the author of "A Layman's Guide to Managing Fear" which covers a variety of techniques that can drastically improve your mental health. For more information, visit <http://www.managingfear.com>.

Help keep emergency rooms ready by giving blood or platelets

SAN DIEGO – When every second counts, blood products can provide lifesaving care. The American Red Cross asks the public to give blood or platelets during Trauma Awareness Month in May to keep hospitals prepared for all transfusion needs, including emergencies. Type O blood donors and donors giving platelets are especially needed right now:

Type O negative is the universal blood type and what emergency room personnel reach for when there is no time to determine a patient's blood type in the most serious situations.

Type O positive blood is the most used blood type because it can be transfused to Rh-positive patients of any blood type.

Platelets are often needed to help with clotting in cases of massive bleeding.

It's the blood already on the shelves that can help save lives in an emergency. Book a time to give now by visiting <https://www.redcrossblood.org/>, calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

All who come to donate April 29-May 31 will get a coupon by email for a free haircut at Sport Clips Haircuts. Plus, those who come to give through May 19 will be automatically entered for a chance to win a trip for two and VIP racing experience to the 2024 NASCAR Cup Series and Xfinity Races at Darlington Raceway Labor Day weekend, including entry to the Sport Clips racetrack hospitality tent and a \$1,000 gift card.

Additionally, those who come to give through May 19 will also get a bonus \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of choice. For details on all offers, visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org/local-homepage/events/race-to-give.html>.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities include:

Fallbrook

May 20: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Christ the King Lutheran Church, 1620 S Stage Coach Lane

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May 25: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., American Legion Post 149, 230 E Park Ave.

May 26: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., North County Mall, 272 E. Via Rancho Pkwy.

How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org>, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients.

A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at <https://www.RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass> or use the Blood Donor App.

Amplify your impact – volunteer!

Another way to support the lifesaving mission of the Red Cross is to become a volunteer blood donor ambassador at Red Cross blood drives. Blood donor ambassadors help greet, check in and thank blood donors to ensure they have a positive donation experience.

Volunteers can also serve as transportation specialists, playing a vital role in ensuring lifesaving blood products are delivered to nearby hospitals. For more information and to apply for either position, visit redcross.org/volunteertoday.

For more information, visit <https://www.redcross.org> or <https://www.CruzRojaAmericana.org>.

Healthy Habits – IT band syndrome: Injury to movement

Megan Johnson McCullough
Special to the Village News

Iliotibial band syndrome is a pain many workout enthusiasts, runners and cyclists can experience. The area affected is near the outside of the hip and/or the outside of the knee. The IT is a band of strong tissue that runs from the hip to the tibia which is below the knee joint and at the top of the shin bone.

The responsibility of the band is to stabilize the knee when you move; however, excessive training, poor biomechanics, tight muscles and little flexibility and/or repetitive unbalanced exercises can cause pain to the IT area.

When the IT band is aggravated, the person will feel pain during the same movements, an achy/burning sensation near the hip and/or knee pain. The pain can be present when movement is taking place and during sedentary periods. Competitive athletes, long-distance runners, basketball players, soccer players and people who are new to exercising can feel any or all these symptoms.

There are a few reasons the onset of pain might come. Not stretching pre/post movement, running down hill, not having proper supportive shoes, over-pronation, which is an over flattening of the feet, having tight muscles in the buttocks, thighs and hips, having knee arthritis so the knees “bow” in and/or overworking out can all lead to irritation of the IT band.

Sometimes a bursa, or a fluid-filled sac, can form when the bone continues to rub against the band. The R.I.C.E. – rest, ice, compression and elevate – method should be used to address the pain right away. If walking is uncomfortable and the swelling doesn't subside, however, seeing a medical professional is advised.

Diagnosing IT band syndrome requires a medical professional who can do the Ober or the Noble compression tests. The Ober test



Athletes can decrease the pain of iliotibial band syndrome by wearing proper shoes, stretching pre/post workout, running on flat, even surfaces, correcting muscle imbalances and form and adjusting the workout intensity. Village News/Courtesy photo

is when the professional will ask the person to lie on their side and move their knee and hip. The Nobel test would begin the same, but the professional would additionally apply pressure while moving the knee and hip.

Going forward, athletes should make sure to wear proper shoes, stretch pre/post workout, run on flat, even surfaces, correct muscle imbalances and form and adjust the workout intensity. Physical therapy can help with proper stretches and strengthen them to lessen inflammation and pain.

Natural remedies such as turmeric and Epsom salt baths can also help with relief. Taking a break from the activities/movements that led to the pain is a good idea. The

duration of the rest could vary and trying other exercise alternatives could be an option as well.

Movement is medicine, and physical activity is a part of maintaining a healthy lifestyle. At the same time, people should listen when their body speaks to them. Ignoring pain or continuing to add to the inflammation leads to more problems over time. Injuries don't have to be setbacks, instead be proactive and mindful.

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

Talk to your veterans about substance misuse

Michael Leach
Special to the Village News

There is a growing problem within the veteran community. Substance use, addiction, and overdose have impacted many veterans' lives. Unfortunately, the stigma that surrounds addiction prevents countless veterans from seeking help.

We must continue to destigmatize the discussion about addiction, focus on helping veterans, and highlight how drug education and early intervention play a significant role in reducing substance use, especially with alcohol.

Alcohol is often the catalyst that leads to addiction for many people as it is used to cope with trauma and pain in all forms. In San Diego County, for example, 21% of adults reported binge or heavy drinking, according to the recent data from County Health Rankings and Roadmaps.

While knowing how many veterans are struggling is impossible, we can still help those close to us. California is home to over 1.8 million service members,

the largest veteran population in any state. Veterans Affairs reports that more than 2 of 10 veterans with PTSD also have a substance use disorder; there is an increasing need for treatment.

Start the conversation and talk to a veteran about substance use. The simple act of starting a conversation could be a turning point that encourages a veteran to get help.

Begin the conversation by focusing on your observations and sharing your feelings. Say things such as: “I've noticed you've been drinking alcohol a lot. Is everything ok?” or, “I wanted to check in with you because you have not seemed like yourself recently.”

Once you have started the conversation, you can ask questions about when they first started feeling like this, if something happened, and if you can provide support.

Keep listening to them without judgment, and if you feel there are concerns, call the Veterans Crisis Line by dialing 988, then press 1. Seek other professional help, such

as the Veterans Affairs Resource Locator or SAMHSA.

Before the problem spirals out of control, we can all take steps to encourage more education and early intervention. Drug education works; whether it's a printable pamphlet or speaking with an expert, it helps increase awareness.

Moreover, intervening early enough may save their life. Make a point of having conversations frequently and be available and encouraging. Tell them to call or stop by at any time. Encourage healthy lifestyle changes, such as eating well, exercising, and adequate sleep.

A veteran may need a person in their life who can provide consistent reminders that things can and will get better. We can all make a difference in the lives of our veterans.

Michael Leach has spent most of his career as a healthcare professional specializing in substance use & addiction recovery. He is a Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA) and the Public Relations Officer at DRS.

PHMG detects 'suspicious activity' shuts down phones, patient portal

Move includes Graybill Medical Group

Village News Staff

Palomar Health Medical Group has shut down its phone lines and patient portal while it investigates “suspicious activity on certain computer systems within its network.” Fallbrook's Graybill Medical Group is part of PHMG and is included in this shutdown.

According to an NBC 7 news report, in a letter to patients dated May 6, PHMG said it detected the activity on May 5.

PHMG took the affected systems offline, to “prevent the spread of any potential malware and launched an investigation into the nature and scope of the event,” the letter said.

Phones, faxes and the patient portal were not working as of May 5 with the PHMG letter

telling patients to go in person to their doctor's office for new prescriptions and refills. Doctors are still able to see patients, but there may be delays, the letter said.

The letter PHMG sent to patients said Palomar Health Healthcare District, including Palomar Medical Center Poway and Palomar Medical Center Escondido, have not been impacted.

Third-party specialists are working with Palomar Health Medical Group to investigate the source of this disruption, to confirm its impact on our systems, and to restore full functionality to our systems as soon as possible,” PHMG told NBC 7. “We are also investigating what impact, if any, this incident had on the security of data within our environment.”

Parkinson's Support Group to learn about driving smart

FALLBROOK – North County Parkinson's Support Group Fallbrook invites anyone interested in learning more to join its monthly Parkinson's Support Group meeting, held on the fourth Friday of each month. This month's meeting is on Friday, May 24, 10 a.m. to noon at the Fallbrook Regional Health and Wellness Center, 1636 E. Mission Road.

The topic will be “Age Well, Drive Smart” with a talk given by Jake Sanchez, CHP Public Safety Officer.

Sanchez was hired by the California Highway Patrol in February 2001. Prior to being hired by the CHP, he spent four years in the United States Marine Corp as a Military Police Officer from August 1995 to August 1999.

Sanchez has served the CHP in the San Diego area for most of his career and has been a Public Information Officer since January

of 2013.

In 2013, Sanchez began working with TREDs helping develop the Just Drive program. That year he piloted the Just Drive program all over San Diego County to government and privately owned companies and corporations.

In March of 2020, Sanchez was selected to a headquarters position where he assists new PIO's for his department in all of Southern California. As a PIO, he handles several programs involving driver safety for teens, adults, and older drivers.

Training, Research and Education for Driving Safety (TREDs) aims to promote roadway safety by:

Developing and delivering training curriculum for professionals and the community

Conducting research to inform and improve public policy.

A major focus of TREDs is to prevent crash-related morbidity

and mortality among older road users. The aging US population has increased the number of older drivers on the road with health impairments that can affect driving safety. TREDs is based at the UC San Diego Herbert Wertheim School of Public Health.

In addition to the speaker presentation, breakout groups will be held for a time of sharing; coffee and refreshments will follow the program.

This meeting is held in support of persons with Parkinson's disease, care partners and people interested in improving the world of those affected by Parkinson's disease.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Cullins, 'The Fallbrook Kid,' named Best Blues Artist at San Diego Music Awards

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

Fallbrook musician Anthony Cullins was chosen as the Best Blues Artist for the San Diego Music Awards.

The awards ceremony was held April 30 at Humphreys By the Bay. Cullins was one of seven local musicians nominated for the Best Blues Artist award.

"It really does mean a lot," Cullins said.

Cullins explained that San Diego County has many talented blues artists. "It is a real honor to just be nominated for that," he said.

Each January, a San Diego Music Academy panel chooses nominees based on the previous year's activities including performances and recordings. The nominee must live in San Diego County at the time of the nomination (for a band at least three-quarters of the members must live in San Diego County).

"I've been nominated a few years in a row," Cullins said. "I didn't sign up for anything."

Cullins is now 23. He was born at Tri-City Hospital and is a lifelong Fallbrook resident who attended William Frazier Elementary School, Potter Junior High School, and Mission Vista High School. Cullins currently works at Guitars West in Murrieta when he is not performing.

When Cullins was 12, he formed his first band, Lucid. He was in Lucid for approximately a year and then formed a band called the Vigilantes. He formally uses "Anthony Cullins" for his solo projects but is also known as



Fallbrook musician Anthony Cullins holds his Best Blues Artist award at San Diego Music Awards, April 30.

Village News/Courtesy photo

"The Fallbrook Kid." Cullins released an extended play album in spring 2016 and, in April 2017, he released his first full CD which is titled "Hittin' All Cylinders."

Blues is not Cullins' specialty, as Cullins considers himself an all-around artist. He also performs soul, rhythm and blues, funk, and rock.

In November 2023, Cullins traveled to London to perform with Earl Thomas. Cullins will return to Europe to play with Thomas in July; the performances will be in

Lithuania and Norway. Cullins is also working on his second full album, which he hopes will be released this summer.

Ukrainian pianist to play for Freaney and Friends free May concert

FALLBROOK – Friends of the Fallbrook Library will sponsor the free Freaney and Friends concert Tuesday, May 28, at 1 p.m. in the Community Room at the library.

The concert will feature the return of Ukrainian pianist Dmitry Kirichenko. Kirichenko began his musical education under the Soviet system, which selected only the best and most talented students for artistic study.

At the age of 17, he was accepted into the Stolyarsky School of Music. His determination and brilliant artistic ability earned him recognition and acceptance into one of the best higher education institutions in the world, the Moscow Conservatory, which led to his graduate studies at Odessa Conservatory.

After finishing his studies, he received the Soviet equivalent of a doctorate in three categories: Soloist, Orchestra Leader and Teacher of Piano. Kirichenko tenured 15 years as the creative director and vice president of the Music School for Children in Odessa, Ukraine.

After arriving in the U.S. in 1989, he became a member of the Music Teachers Association of California and National Guild of



May's Freaney and Friends concert will feature Ukrainian pianist Dmitry Kirichenko.

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Piano Teachers. Later, he became the president and primary piano instructor of the Kirichenko School of Music in San Diego, where he offered private instruction for children, music majors and adults.

Kirichenko has performed in the U.S. and overseas. His California concerts have been held at the University of San Diego, Scripps Research Institute La Jolla, the Lyceum Theater San Diego,

Poway Center for Performing Arts, Palomar Performing Art Center and also in eastern and western European cities.

After his performance in France, music critic Claude Taelman described his playing as "warm sensitivity heightened by his delicate touch and great technical mastery." He has released a series of albums, which encompass performances of history's favorite

composers and their most loved piano sonatas, preludes and other pieces.

Kirichenko continues performing for San Diego music lovers. His program will feature works by Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin and Debussy. He couples a bravura technique with a personal approach to each work, ensuring unforgettable performances. The library is located at 124 S. Mission Road.

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SPORTS

Aces play the Zefurs in Senior Softball



Greg Hamilton swings and gets a hit during a Fallbrook Senior Softball Game between the Zefurs and the Aces at Ingold Sports Park, May 16.

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Aces player Matt Kraemer swings at a pitch during a Fallbrook Senior Softball game. Village News/Shane Gibson photo



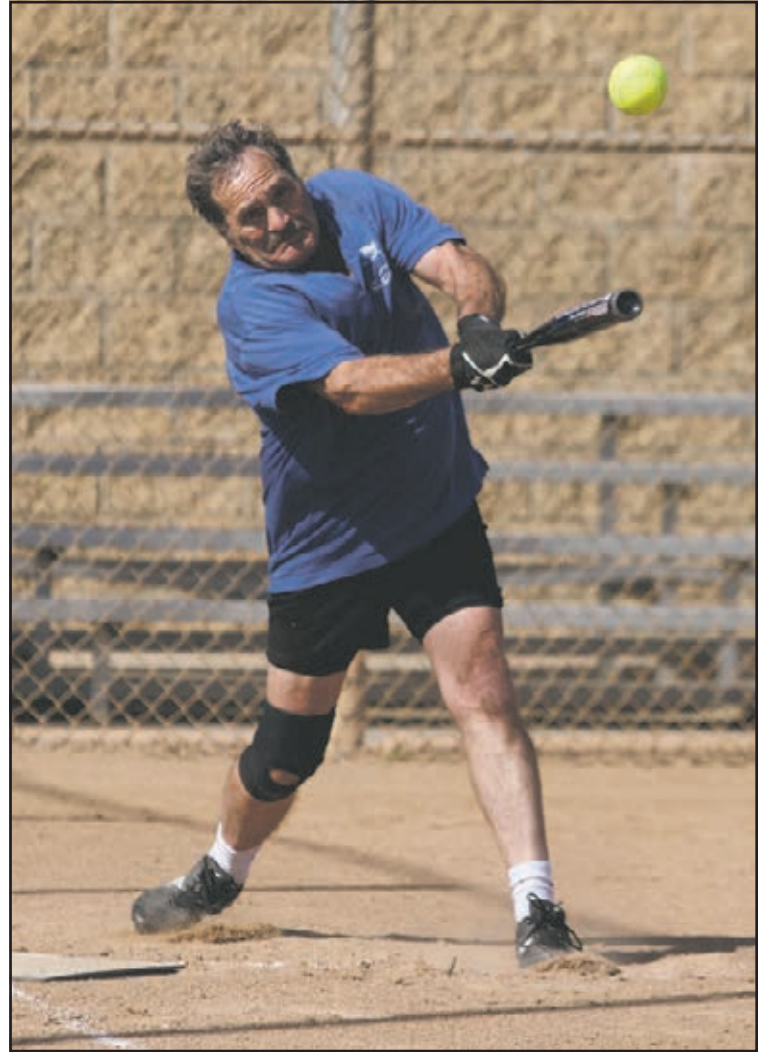
Zefur Dave Cota fields a ground ball and makes the throw during a Fallbrook Senior Softball game against the Aces.



Ace Wade Pearson fields the ball and makes a throw out from his knees during a Fallbrook Senior Softball game.



Pete Lowry swings at a pitch during a Fallbrook Senior Softball game.



Zefur Dave Martucci hits the ball during a Fallbrook Senior Softball game.



Zefur T.J. Lynas races for a pop-fly during a Fallbrook Senior Softball game.



K.J. Duke gets praise from his Zefur teammates after making a diving catch during a Fallbrook Senior Softball game.



Playing for the Aces, Tim O'Brien fields a ball in the outfield during a Fallbrook Senior Softball game.

Khoury twins are two highest girls pole vaulters at league meet

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

For the fourth consecutive year, Fallbrook High School had the two best girls pole vault heights at the Valley League track and field championship meet.

This year's meet took place May 3 at Valley Center High School. The Khoury twins, who are seniors, had the two highest girls pole vaults. Sahara Khoury cleared 11'0" and Maya Khoury had a height of 10'6".

"It's delightful," said Fallbrook pole vault coach Jim Curran.

"I'm very happy," Sahara Khoury said. "It was definitely satisfying to me."

The Khoury twins placed first and second in the league championship meet the day before their 18th birthday. The lifelong Fallbrook residents were born on May 4, 2006; Sahara is 10 minutes older than Maya.

"They're not big girls like some of the other girls in the county," Curran said. "They're both very strong."

In the twins' freshman year at Fallbrook High School, the Warriors had the top four girls pole vault heights at the 2021 Valley League championship meet. Sahara Khoury took second with a height of 9'6" while Maya Khoury cleared 9'0" for fourth place.

Fallbrook had the top three girls pole vault heights at the 2022 Valley League meet. Maya Khoury had a height of 10'6" for second and Sahara Khoury had the third-place height of 9'0".

Rose Wagner, who graduated from Fallbrook High School in 2022, won the Valley League girls pole vault championship both in 2021 and in 2022. In 2023, Maya Khoury cleared 11'3" to win the league championship and Sahara Khoury had a height of 10'3" for second.

A high jumper or pole vaulter has three chances to clear each distance, and misses at that distance or at lower distances are used as the tiebreaker.

This year's Valley League boys competition lasted until the final running event, with seven boys clearing 12'0" and four boys clearing 13'0" before Fallbrook's Aiden Bernier cleared 13'6" and Fallbrook's Damien Votaw won the meet with a height of 14'0", so the girls pole vault competition didn't begin until all running events had concluded.

"Given the circumstances, we did really well," Maya Khoury said.

Nine girls cleared at least 8'0" including Bernier's sister, Fallbrook freshman Brooke Bernier, who placed eighth with her 8'0" mark. Four girls cleared 8'6" but not 9'0". Valley Center junior Grace

Hawranik was the only girl not from Fallbrook with a 9'0" height, but she was unable to clear 9'6".

Not only did both Khoury sisters clear 9'6", but they also both cleared 10'0" and 10'6".

"I thought it was pretty cool to have Fallbrook finish first and second in the girls and boys for pole vault," Maya Khoury said.

Maya Khoury was unable to clear 11'0". Sahara Khoury missed her first two attempts at 11'0" but went over the bar on her third try. "I was on the right pole. My step was correct," she said.

"She ended up having a great day," said Fallbrook head coach Marco Arias.

Neither Khoury sister set a personal record at the league meet. On March 9, Maya Khoury cleared 11'7" to take sixth at the Don Jones Bronco Invitational meet at Rancho Bernardo High School, and she matched that April 19 at the Escondido Invitational to win that meet while Sahara Khoury was second with a personal record of 11'1". A height of 11'6" at the league meet would have given Sahara Khoury a personal record.

Individual league championships are given to the winner of each event at the league meet. Team championships are based on the results of dual meets. Fallbrook's girls were 1-4 in dual league meets this year. "In the events we could

fill, we were pretty competitive," Arias said.

Position points are given for first, second, and third in each of the 14 individual events and for first only in each of the two relay races. An athlete may compete in up to four events at a meet.

Fallbrook freshman Kaylee Fulks had two second-place finishes including a relay race at the league meet. San Pasqual junior Nadia Mieczowicz won the girls 400-meter race in 58.60 seconds and Fulks finished in 1:03.51. The 4x400 relay team of senior Lacy Fabry, senior Abby Petersen, freshman Natalie Pineda, and Fulks had the second-place time of 4:24.28.

"I'm really happy," Arias said of Fulks.

"She showed her potential," Arias said. "She's only going to get stronger and wiser as far as race strategy."

Fabry finished fourth in the 400-meter race which took her 1:03.81.

Petersen had Fallbrook's other second-place girls mark, taking 5:35.92 for the 1,600-meter race. Her 800-meter time of 2:29.98 placed third.

"I felt good about where she ended up," Arias said. "She had a wonderful career, a good career. She just got everything out of her abilities that she can."

The only other Fallbrook girls senior, Avery Lynas, completed the 1,600-meter race in 5:53.81 for sixth and the 800-meter event in 2:44.91 for 10th.

Three of Fallbrook's girls are juniors, and all placed in the top 10 in one of their events. Brianna Lucchesi had the eighth-place triple jump of 27 feet 9 1/2 inches while placing 12th in the 200-meter dash at 28.64 seconds and 13th in the long jump with a distance of 13'8". Cynthia Mills had a 1,600-meter time of 5:57.09 for ninth place and finished the 800-meter race in 2:45.41 for 11th place. Danielle Roberts threw the discus 80'3" to earn ninth place and had the 16th-longest shot put distance of 21'8".

Fallbrook's only female sophomore on the team, Yamilee Rico, was seventh in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 19.53 seconds and had the 10th-place time of 56.91 seconds in the 300-meter hurdles.

The all-freshman 4x100 relay team of Shailyn Cope, Fulks, Pineda, and Karmen Barksdale finished fifth with a lap of 53.17 seconds. Barksdale took sixth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.36 seconds while Cope was seventh at 13.37 seconds. Fulks had the ninth-place time of 28.17 seconds in the 200-meter dash.

"Got a great group," Arias said. "The kids are doing the work."

Votaw, Rivera, Carmona win boys track and field league championships

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

High school track and field team league championships are determined based on the results of dual meets. Individual league championships are given to the winner of each event at the league meet, which for the Valley League this year took place May 3 at Valley Center High School. The boys league champions included three Fallbrook High School seniors.

Damien Votaw cleared 14'0" to win the boys pole vault, and Fallbrook senior Aiden Bernier had the second-place height of 13'6". A time of 4:34.15 gave Jose Rivera the 1,600-meter race victory, and Rivera also finished second in the 800-meter run and third in the 3,200-meter event. Sammy Carmona had the winning high jump at 6'4" while obtaining the second-place triple jump distance.

Fallbrook's boys had a 2-3 record during league dual meets. An athlete is limited to four events at a meet. Each of the 14 individual events provides first-place, second-place, and third-place position points while first-place points are only given for the two relay races.

The Warriors did not have enough athletes to fill all allowed lanes or field event flights. "That put us at a disadvantage," said Fallbrook head coach Marco Arias.

Fallbrook was competitive in many of the events where the Warriors had a full contingent. "They had a lot of success all the way around," Arias said.

Last year Votaw cleared 11'6" at the league meet to match his personal record and place second behind Bernier, who reached 13'6". Votaw cleared 13'0" for the first time March 7 for first place in

the non-league dual meet against Rancho Buena Vista and improved his personal record to 13'1" in the April 24 league dual meet at Ramona.

"It was all about him getting on the bigger pole," said Fallbrook pole vault coach Jim Curran.

The boys pole vaulters started on smaller poles for the initial league meet height of 9'6". Thirteen boys cleared that height, and 11 of those cleared 10'0". All 11 of those boys were successful at 10'6".

Three of the boys vaulted no higher than 10'6" including Fallbrook senior Devin Huntington, who was given ninth place on the tiebreaker of fewer misses. Fallbrook senior Fisher Phillips set a personal record of 11'0" before settling for eighth place. Huntington and Phillips had both competed in distance races during previous track and field seasons, but neither were pole vaulters until this year.

Huntington cleared 11'1" at the April 24 meet in Ramona. Curran has been coaching pole vaulters since 1989, when he was with the Rancho Buena Vista team, and had never previously had two first-year pole vaulters clear 11'0" or higher.

All seven boys who cleared 11'6" at the league meet also cleared 12'0". Five of those were successful at 12'6". Votaw, Bernier, Ramona junior Parker Doomey, and Ramona sophomore Logan Barrera went over the bar at 13'0".

The two Ramona boys were eliminated after failing to clear 13'6". Votaw set a personal record at that height which lasted until his next attempt. Bernier also cleared 13'6".

Bernier was unsuccessful in winning the boys pole vault league championship for the third consecutive season despite having

cleared at least 14 feet in seven other meets this year. He cleared 14'6" at last year's CIF meet and improved his personal record to 14'7" at the March 9 Don Jones Bronco Invitational meet at Rancho Bernardo High School.

Fallbrook's final non-league dual meet of 2024 took place March 14 at home when the Warriors hosted Vista, and a height of 15'0" set a new personal record. Bernier also cleared 15'0" during the March 21 league dual meet at home against Mission Vista, at the April 11 league dual meet at home against Escondido, and during the April 17 league dual meet at Valley Center.

Votaw was able to reach 14'0" for the league championship. "He came out of nowhere," Arias said. "It's a huge PR for him."

The 14'0" height also matched the league record which had been set in 2003 by Escondido High School's Ryan McClain.

"It was fun watching him," Curran said.

Gavin Weber, who was a Fallbrook senior at the time, won the league boys pole vault championship in 2021 when Bernier had the sixth-place height of 9'9". Bernier cleared 12'3" to win the 2022 league championship while Votaw's first year as a pole vaulter concluded with a 9'9" performance worth fifth place.

Fallbrook thus had the top two pole vault heights for the second consecutive year. "It was a special day in the boys pole vault," Arias said.

Last year Rivera ran only the 800-meter race, which he won in 2:06.36, and the 4x400 relay. "He elected to go after the mile this year," Arias said.

(One mile is actually 1,609 meters, but the 1,600-meter race is

often referred to as the metric mile.)

This year Rivera competed in the 1,600-meter, 800-meter, and 3,200-meter events at the league meet. "He wanted to race all three," Arias said.

Arias and Rivera developed a plan for Rivera to win this year's 1,600-meter league championship. "He executed it to perfection," Arias said.

Rivera won the 1,600-meter race in 4:34.15. Valley Center sophomore Malakas Schlater-Julian was second at 4:36.09 and Ramona sophomore George Mesa had the third-place time of 4:36.63.

"He made a push. They let him go a little bit," Arias said of Rivera's race. "He just got stronger and stronger."

The 1,600-meter event is the first of the three distance races. "It took a lot out of him," Arias said.

Rivera still finished second in the 800-meter run. Schlater-Julian won that race in 2:04.73; Rivera had a time of 2:05.57, and Mission Vista freshman Cade Willhoit had a 2:05.69 performance for third. Mesa won the 3,200-meter race with a time of 10:12.03; Mission Vista freshman Alex Kelsey became the second finisher 10:33.41 after the race began, and Rivera completed the race in 10:47.25 for third place.

"Finishing with a first, a second, and a third is pretty impressive," Arias said.

Carmona joined Fallbrook's track and field team in 2022 but did not compete in the high jump as a sophomore. Last year, the tiebreaker of previous missed attempts cost Carmona the boys high jump league championship; Carmona and 2023 Mission Hills senior Cayden How both cleared 6'4" with How being given first and Carmona taking second. Ramona's Jamil Kassab

was third last year with a jump of 5'8". Kassab, who is now a senior, was second this year with a height of 6'0".

"It's an accomplishment," Arias said of Carmona's 6'4" winning height. "I'm happy that he actually got that league championship."

Kassab won the triple jump with a distance of 41'5". Carmona was second at 40'6". Jacques Rogers, who attended Sullivan Middle School and is now a Mission Vista High School junior, was third with a jump of 39'6".

Fallbrook took third in both sprints with senior Chris Bausch finishing the 100-meter dash in 11.39 seconds and sophomore Dylan Glatt completing the 200-meter dash in 23.58 seconds. Glatt was ninth in the 100-meter dash with an 11.78-second performance while junior A.J. Betancourt finished the 200-meter dash in 24.16 seconds for sixth place.

Bausch, Glatt, senior Javier Valdez, and senior Paul Reyes were fourth in the 4x100 relay with a time of 46.01 seconds. A time of 55.48 seconds gave junior Ken Pacheco fifth place in the 400-meter run while sophomore Xavier Charland finished eighth at 56.78 seconds.

The fourth-place long jump distance of 19'3" was shared by three athletes including Charland and Fallbrook sophomore Jayden Wallace. A throw of 44'2" gave junior Wyatt Casillas sixth in the shot put, and Casillas threw the discus 121'8" for eighth place.

The high school league meet debut of freshman Tristan Valtierra included the 10th-place time of 12:43.10 in the 3,200-meter race.

"A lot of kids who are not the league champions are seeing the rewards," Arias said.

Legionnaires one match away from boys volleyball league championship

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

Last year Bonsall High School's boys volleyball team had a 3-18 record including two forfeit wins, and the Legionnaires were 3-7 in Pioneer League play. This year the team had a regular-season record of 17-14 including an 11-3 mark in Pioneer League competition which was one match short of sharing the league championship.

"I was pretty happy," said Bonsall coach Jesse Stock.

Bonsall High School added boys volleyball in 2023 after enough boys expressed interest for a team. Most of the 13 boys on last year's team were freshmen or sophomores, and only a couple had any previous organized volleyball experience. Not including a forfeit win, the Legionnaires lost their first 17 matches before obtaining an on-court victory.

Stock felt that he could utilize the additional experience for this season, but three of last year's starters transferred to other schools. "That was unexpected," he said.

"We still had the skills," Stock said. "The students invested more

time during the summer."

Many of the players also trained during the fall and winter seasons although some of them played other sports for the Legionnaires during that time.

The CIF San Diego Section created Division V-AA for the 2023-24 seasons. For each sport, Division V is split in half based on the total number of Division V schools that year. Schools whose enrollment is in the top half are in Division V-A and schools in the bottom half are in Division V-AA. Bonsall, whose enrollment at the beginning of the school year was 318 students, was one of the Division V-AA teams.

"We got placed in a lower division," Stock said. "That was good."

Excluding league and tournament matches, Bonsall's regular season consisted of two matches against Division IV teams, two matches with Division V-A opponents, and two matches facing a Division V-AA squad. "I had more control over who we played," Stock said. "I wanted to have a competitive balance."

The Legionnaires split those six

matches but defeated both Division V-AA opponents.

"All those things really helped," Stock said.

"The season actually started off pretty well," Stock said. "We had very high expectations."

The Legionnaires' roster consisted of 12 players at the beginning of the season with Nate Winebrenner being the only senior. The Legionnaires lost two starters; one quit the team and junior outside hitter Bryce Crosswaite was lost to a season-ending injury.

"It was an up and down season," Stock said.

After a 2-3 start against five of the non-league and non-tournament opponents, the Legionnaires had a March 5 league match at King-Chavez Community and won that in three games. Bonsall then participated in the March 8-9 Falcon Varsity Tourney hosted by O'Farrell Charter School.

The Legionnaires had a March 12 league match at Gompers Prep Academy and a March 14 home league match against Horizon Prep. Bonsall then played in the March 15-16 Del Lago Firebird Invitational tournament.

"We overbooked," Stock said.

The tournaments on consecutive weekends gave Bonsall 12 matches, not including a forfeit win, in a nine-day period. "Everyone was kind of exhausted," Stock said.

The benefits of tournaments include providing playing experience to substitutes, which was more suitable for the 12-player roster to begin the season rather than for the 10 players willing and able to play in this year's tournaments. "A good amount of my starters weren't available," Stock said.

Playing multiple matches in one day also has the benefit of conditioning players. "I learned from last year I had to get them conditioned," Stock said.

Bonsall had a 2-4 record in the Falcon Varsity Tourney including the forfeit win. All four losses were to Division III schools.

Gompers and School for Entrepreneurship and Technology both had 12-2 league records to share the Pioneer League championship. Horizon Prep was 9-5 for fourth place. Between the two tournaments, Bonsall lost to Gompers in four games and to Horizon Prep in three games.

Stock believes that the match against Gompers could have ended as a Bonsall victory. "That was all mental. We blew them out the first set," he said. "They got overconfident."

The Legionnaires were 1-4 in the Del Lago Firebird Invitational. The losses included a 25-16, 18-25, 15-9 match against Victory Christian, which was in Division V-AA. The other three schools which defeated Bonsall in that tournament were in Division II, Division IV, and Division V-A.

"They were competitive," Stock said. "Just playing those harder teams helped."

Bonsall followed the Del Lago Firebird Invitational with 10 consecutive victories, including nine in league play. In an April 20 match at School for Entrepreneurship and Technology which had championship implications, the Lions were on the preferred end of the 25-8, 20-25, 25-11, 25-19 final score. Regular-season play for Bonsall concluded April 26 at home with a three-game win over Health Sciences.

"We've been doing really well," Stock said.



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Fallbrook Propane Gas Co. announces the 'Junior Art of the Avocado' winners



First Grade artists show their Junior Art of the Avocado entries, from left, Fatima, Isaac, Samuel, Alex, and Brady.

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Pre-Kindergarten – First Grade

- First place: Tristan Everett – “Avobot”
- Second place: Isaac Cortez – “Dancing Avocado”
- Third place: Fatima Nieto – “Astronaut Avocado”
- People’s Choice: Alex McKnight – “Muchos Aguacates”

Fifth – Eighth Grade

- First place: Mckayla Vance – “AVOCADO”
- Second place: Lucas Reyes – “Mr. Avocado”
- Third place: Eduardo Nieto – “The Crazy Mariachis”
- People’s Choice: Loren Caporale – “Peacock ala Guac”

Second – Fourth Grade

- First place: Sofia Elena Zarraga – “Avocado Dreams”
- Second place: Jesse Pawlowski – “Avocado Capital of the World”
- Third place: Topanga Laurenson – “I Love Avo’s”
- People’s Choice: Hazel Ussher – “Avoclawdo”

Sponsor Award

- Joe Pawlowski – “Howdy Pardner! Welcome to Avocado Country”

Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce – Chamber’s Pick

- Cole Caporale – “Simply Avocado’s”
- Submitted by: Anita Kimzey, Event Coordinator



Fourth Grade artists display their Junior Art of the Avocado entries, from left, front row, Zoey, Hazel; back row, Sofia, Joe, Jesse, Estelle, and James.



Eighth Grade artists show off their Junior Art of the Avocado entries, from left, Mckayla, Cole, Loren, Cora, Eduardo, and Lucas.

REAL ESTATE & HOME and GARDEN

Cal Fire reminds all to be prepared for upcoming wildfire season

Kim Harris
Special to Village News

With state officials and climatologists saying hotter than average temperatures in Southern California could lead to an active wildfire season, CalFire is reminding residents to be prepared for this wildfire season.

"Fires are mostly caused by the human factor," Cal Fire Battalion Chief Robert Carvalho told the San Francisco Chronicle. "For example, if a fire starts in someone's backyard, it's likely their lawn mower blade hit a rock and struck a spark."

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reported 2023 was the planet's warmest year on record, coming in 2.12 degrees Fahrenheit above the 20th century average.

In California, the state overall was just 0.8 degrees above the 1991-2020 average in 2023 with some areas even reporting near-to below-average temperatures.

"In 2024 there is a one-in-three chance that temperatures will be warmer even than 2023 and a 99% chance that 2024 will rank among the five warmest years on record," NOAA said, adding the California was expected to "be in line" with that projection and what that could mean for many Californians is a high likelihood of wildfire activity.

"A wildfire can come without warning and spread quickly, leaving you little time to get to safety," Joselito Garcia-Ruiz, Regional Disaster Program officer for the Red Cross Los Angeles Region, said. "Talk with your family about wildfires, how to prevent them and what to do if one occurs. Put together a family disaster kit. Make a plan and practice it."

According to CalFire's Wildfire preparedness webpage, www.fire.ca.gov/prepare, families should be prepared for wildfire by using their three-step plan, Get Ready, Get Set, Be Ready to Go.

Get ready

Being ready for wildfire starts with maintaining an adequate defensible space and by hardening your home by using fire resistant building materials, CalFire said.

"Home Hardening means using ignition-resistant materials on and around your home to help it withstand flying embers and radiant heat," CalFire said. "Defensible Space is the buffer created by removing dead plants, grass and weeds to help keep wildfire away from your home."

It takes a combination of Home Hardening and Defensible Space to give your house the best chance of surviving a wildfire.

Get set

Get Set includes creating a plan with your family to evacuate should a wildfire strike. Talk with members of your household about what to do during emergencies. Plan what to do in case everyone is separated and choose two places to meet – one right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency and



With state officials and climatologists saying hotter than average temperatures in Southern California could lead to an active wildfire season, Cal Fire is reminding residents to be prepared this wildfire season. Village News/File photo

another outside your neighborhood in case you cannot return home or are asked to evacuate. Be sure to share that plan with others.

Building an easy-to-carry emergency preparedness kit that you can use at home or take with you if you must evacuate is an important part of this step, according to CalFire. Include items such as water, nonperishable food, a flashlight and extra batteries, a battery-powered radio, first-aid kit and medications. Be sure to also include a cloth face covering for everyone in your household who can wear one safely.

Be ready to go

"Give your household the best chance of surviving a wildfire by being ready to go and evacuating early," CalFire said. "Being ready to go also means knowing when to evacuate and what to do if you become trapped."

According to CalFire, before evacuation becomes necessary, in addition to creating a plan and building an emergency kit, all California residents can sign up for text alerts about wildfires in the area they live by visiting <https://incidents.readyforwildfire.org>. Residents should learn their community's emergency response plan, evacuation orders and evacuation centers, CalFire said.

When immediate evacuation is necessary those affected should review their evacuation plan checklist, ensure their emergency supply kit is in their vehicle, and locate all pets (it's a good idea to have a "go bag" for pets as well).

When outside cover-up to protect against heat and flying embers. Wear long pants, a long sleeve shirt, heavy shoes/boots, cap, dry bandanna for face cover, goggles or glasses. 100% cotton is

preferable, CalFire said.

If there is time, residents can assist the fire department by bringing flammable items such as patio furniture, toys, doormats, and trash bins inside or by placing them in their swimming pool, shutting off propane tanks, moving grills and other propane appliances away from the house and attaching garden hoses to outside taps for firefighter use.

Residents should also turn on exterior lights to make their homes visible in smoky or dark conditions, have a ladder handy for firefighter roof access and seal attic and ground vents with plywood or commercial seals.

Don't forget to check with neighbors to ensure they are prepared as well.

A few last minute notes

Remember that a wildfire can spread quickly, leaving those in its path little time to get to safety. CalFire said that residents near a fire should always be prepared

to evacuate at a moment's notice and obey all evacuation orders from officials.

Other tips include backing the car into the garage or parking it outside facing the direction of the evacuation route, confining pets to a single room so they can be found quickly should the need to evacuate arise and limit exposure to smoke and dust by keeping windows and doors closed.

When trapped outdoors during a fire crouch in a pond, river or pool. If there is no body of water, those trapped in a fire should look for shelter in a clear area or in a bed of rocks. Those trapped should lie flat, face down and cover their bodies with soil. Breathe the air close to the ground to avoid scorching lungs or inhaling smoke. The Red Cross also says not to put wet clothing or bandanas over your mouth or nose as moist air can cause more damage to the airway than dry air at the same temperature.

Never return home until officials say it is safe to do so

Upon returning home, inspect the roof immediately and extinguish any sparks or embers and check the home for embers that could cause fires; wildfires may have left embers that could reignite. Look for signs of a fire including smoke or sparks.

Other safety tips include avoiding downed power lines, poles and wires, keeping animals on a leash so owners have direct control over them to avoid any hot spots or hidden embers that could burn them. Also, wet down any debris to minimize breathing in dust particles. Be sure to wear leather gloves and shoes with heavy soles when entering an area that has been burned and throw out any food that has been exposed to heat, smoke or soot.

For more information on emergency preparedness and wildfire safety, including checklists and tips on building your evacuation plan, visit <https://readyforwildfire.org>.

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New cannabis program to address inequity in unincorporated area

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The county adopted a new equity program May 1 that helps people negatively impacted by the War on Drugs with cannabis business ownership in the unincorporated area.

In January 2021, the Board of Supervisors directed county staff to develop a Socially Equitable Cannabis Program that provides fairness in business ownership in the regulated cannabis market by reducing the barriers to entry.

As part of the wider proposed Socially Equitable Program, the Social Equity Entrepreneurs Program will help those negatively impacted by criminalization of marijuana participate in the legal cannabis industry.

Qualified applicants who choose not to participate in the cannabis industry but are deserving of some form of benefit can receive help through the Social Equity Beneficiaries Program which includes:

- Investment into Impacted Communities
- Behavioral Health Services
- Continuing Education Assistance
- Non-Cannabis Small Business Grants
- Job Related Assistance

Both aspects of the program are designed to address the harmful impacts on people of color and communities caused by the War on Drugs (California

Cannabis Equity Act).

The county worked with consultants to complete a Social Equity Assessment in October 2022 which includes community feedback from listening sessions, interviews, focus groups, and a survey. The assessment helps address the harms caused by cannabis criminalization.

In June 2023, the county received \$350,000 in grants from the state to help those that apply.

Since the completion of the assessment and grant award, the Office of Equity and Racial Justice worked with County Counsel to develop the program. People who qualify for the program must meet one of the two criteria tiers:

1. Tier A focuses on people incarcerated for a San Diego cannabis-related crime prior to the passing of Proposition 64 (Control, Regulate and Tax Act – Adult Use of Marijuana)

2. Tier B focuses on people that have been convicted or arrested for a San Diego cannabis-related crime along with a low-income component.

Once approved, people who qualify will have an opportunity to receive a permit for sale, distribution or cultivation and receive help with any of the below listed elements:

- Business and Technical Assistance
- One-on-One Assistance
- Legal Services
- Grants directly to social equity applicants
- Record Expungement



The county has a new equity program to help people negatively impacted by the War on Drugs with cannabis business ownership in the unincorporated area.

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“This is a significant first step for our county to address harms that were done to our community by the county and other government agencies. Although we are excited, we acknowledge that we can and need to do so much more,” said Andrew Strong, Director of the Office of Equity and Racial Justice.

County officials say the program will provide sustainable opportunities for growth by

providing support and resources for those who were most harmed by the War on Drugs.

“I am proud that this program will focus on equity, access, and business opportunities to help rectify the injustices against people of color caused by the many years of failed policies like the War on Drugs,” said Chairwoman Nora Vargas.

A nine-member group, one appointed by each county supervisor and four more to

apply through the application process, will assist in shaping the program and provide an annual report back to the board.

Visit our new Engage San Diego County platform to learn more about the development of the Cannabis Program, <https://engage.sandiegocounty.gov/hub-page/cannabis-program>.

Editor's note: Next week, we will have an article on local objections to the new program.



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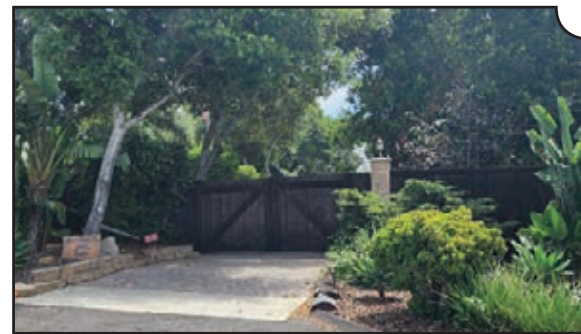
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Planning group endorses Main/Aviation pedestrian improvements

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

The County of San Diego desires to make pedestrian improvements at the intersection of South Main Avenue and West Aviation Road, and the county Department of Public Works proposal received the endorsement of the Fallbrook Community Planning Group.

The planning group voted 13-0 April 15, with Lee DeMeo and Tom Harrington absent, to recommend approval of the DPW plans to continue improvements at the intersection. "Much needed, and we're thrilled to have them improving that area," said Fallbrook Community Planning Group chair Eileen Delaney.

The improvements consist primarily of sidewalks.

FCPG supports South Mission Road runoff reduction plan

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

Water quality is the County of San Diego's goal in a planned stormwater runoff reduction project along South Mission Road between Main Avenue and Mission Oaks Road, and the plan now has the endorsement of the Fallbrook Community Planning Group.

The plan includes aesthetic benefits as well as runoff reduction which benefits road users as well as water quality.

"It will also beautify our town," said Fallbrook Community Planning Group chair Eileen Delaney. "We are thrilled to have something like that brought to us."

The elements of the plan include some runoff being absorbed by vegetation as well as subsurface drainage improvements. "What you will see are trees that will be planted," Delaney said.

Asphalt and Concrete Enterprises to repave Macadamia Drive

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

Asphalt and Concrete Enterprises will be repaving a section of the 1500 block of Macadamia Drive in Fallbrook.

integrity is not compromised.

The segment of Macadamia Drive needs complete pavement replacement including the berm edge. The street had petromat fabric, which is used as a moisture barrier and stress absorbing interlayer beneath flexible pavements such as asphalt overlays or a chip seal.

The repaving is due to the previous pavement being damaged by Fallbrook Public Utility District activity. FPUD's board voted 5-0 Monday, April 22, to approve a \$78,678 contract with Asphalt and Concrete Enterprises, which is headquartered in Santee.

Petromat provides protection against moisture and cracking and can double the service life of a road. Petromat fabric can also be recycled into recycled asphalt pavement without compromising its ability to provide moisture protection or stress absorption to slow fatigue and reflective cracking, so the Macadamia Drive repaving will also include special disposal of the old asphalt.

"There was a leak. It caused damage to the road," Jack Bebee, general manager of FPUD, said. An eight-inch main line ruptured along Macadamia Drive, and the asphalt was completely washed out. If FPUD installs or replaces pipeline segments the pavement is removed. After the work is completed the road is paved with temporary cold mix asphalt.

FPUD requested proposals to repave Macadamia Drive and received six bids. Asphalt and Concrete Enterprises provided the low bid at \$78,678.

The roadway will eventually need a longer-term resurfacing to meet San Diego County standards and to ensure that the road's

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RMWD amendments to sewer capacity fees address changes in use

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

Developers who connect their projects to the Rainbow Municipal Water District sewer system pay capacity fees to cover their project's share of the existing infrastructure system.

The April 23 Rainbow board meeting included amendments to the district's Administrative Code to address capacity fees and monthly charges due to a change in use.

The amendments were approved on a 5-0 vote. The changes included financing options for additional capacity fee payment. "You don't want to discourage development, redevelopment," said Rainbow general manager Jake Wiley.

The sewer fees are based on equivalent dwelling units. The changes address both the capacity

fees and the monthly service charge. "Both of those things are potentially impacted," Wiley said.

For a site with an existing or proposed change in use, a district representative will review the charges which would apply to the current connection and the charges applicable to the expanded connection and collect the incremental difference.

The capacity fees will be based on Rainbow's fee schedule at the time of expansion. If expanded use has previously occurred and the increased fees have not been paid, Rainbow may collect up to four years of the incremental difference.

Financing options will be available for customers who owe additional capacity fees due to a change in use. Any amount financed by the district will require a signed agreement and

a promissory note. Any amount greater than \$10,000 will also require a trust deed.

Amounts up to \$5,000 are eligible for a 12-month repayment plan at no interest. Amounts from \$5,000 to \$10,000 may have repayment terms of up to two years at the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) interest rate which will be recalculated annually on the anniversary of the financing arrangement.

Amounts greater than \$10,000 may have repayment terms of up to three years at the LAIF interest rate with the interest rate recalculated annually. Liens will not be offered as a method of postponing payment of fees.

"We wanted to provide some flexible options for basically financing these charges," Wiley said.

Supervisors approve MOU to continue Regional Helicopter Program funding

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

One of the surcharges on motor vehicle registration fees helps to fund the Regional Helicopter Program in San Diego County, and the San Diego County Board of Supervisors approved a new memorandum of understanding Tuesday, April 30, to provide the Sheriff's Department with annual funding over the next five fiscal years.

vehicle registration fee program, so the memorandum of understanding is with SANDAG.

The San Diego Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies program was originally used to fund the installation and operation of call boxes along highways. It is now also used for communication and rescue equipment. The Regional Helicopter Program was originally funded by the SAFE program in 2005.

The funding helps support the costs of operating helicopters which could transport motorists injured in accidents. Nathan Fletcher, who was a member of the county board of supervisors from 2019 to 2023, was in the State Assembly in 2012 when he wrote Assembly Bill 1572, which turned over SAFE responsibilities to the San Diego Association of Governments.

In June 2019, the county board of supervisors approved a five-year agreement with SANDAG allowing the Sheriff's Department to receive Regional Helicopter Program funding for the costs related to motorist aid-related rescue services. The agreement covered the period from July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2024.

The Sheriff's Department currently has three Bell 205A-1 medium-lift fire/rescue helicopters and one Bell 412EPX helicopter which are used for rescue and aid to motorists. The Regional Helicopter Program will provide 15% of the actual operating costs of those helicopters with a maximum annual amount of \$375,000.

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Steelhead protections could bring new water restrictions

Christine Souza
California Farm Bureau

A state determination that Southern California steelhead trout merit additional protections could mean tighter water restrictions, according to agricultural groups and water districts.

California Farm Bureau environmental policy analyst Justin Fredrickson said strengthening protections for the Southern California steelhead under the California Endangered Species Act “is going to ratchet things up regularly for affected water users.”

Though actions to protect steelhead will vary for different affected watersheds, Fredrickson said, “the state endangered listing will be used to maximize flows in the rivers and minimize or restrict diversions and groundwater pumping.”

The California Fish and Game Commission April 18 unanimously agreed with a staff recommendation that listing the Southern California steelhead as endangered under the state ESA is warranted.

The commission is expected to adopt the recommendation from a California Department of Fish and Wildlife staff report at a future meeting.

The action is in response to a 2021 petition by the advocacy group California Trout to list the species, which has a range from San Luis Obispo to San Diego counties.

Increased protections for the species would affect water users and districts in San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and San Diego counties. The Southern California steelhead has been listed as federally endangered since 1997.

The status review of the species by CDFW staff cited dwindling numbers of steelhead due to urbanization, agriculture and water development. In addition, the department said climate change will lead to “more frequent periods of adverse conditions.”

Groups representing agriculture and water interests in Ventura County argued that there is not enough scientific evidence to warrant the

endangered listing.

“We’re in a position where we are already doing environmental flows for the steelhead in an area where there isn’t a lot of convincing evidence that there were historic populations here,” said Maureen McGuire, CEO of the Farm Bureau of Ventura County.

“A lot of people feel that these environmental flows exceed what is required to reflect the historical conditions of the area,” McGuire added.

Attorneys representing the United Water Conservation District, which serves farmers, water agencies and municipalities in the Santa Clara River area of Ventura County, said in a letter to the commission that some key evidence presented to state fish and wildlife officials was not considered or mentioned in the agency’s report.

United Water Conservation District General Manager Mauricio Guardado said in a statement provided to Ag Alert@: “Once this action is finalized, United Water Conservation District plans to challenge it, as we continue to fight for the residents, business owners and farmers we serve every day.”

Citing the district’s belief in balancing environmental and human water needs, Guardado added, “That’s why we continue to invest in the science needed to protect habitats and species, rather than blindly following the whims of a regulatory agency that continues to buck hard science for special interest pressures.”

In its comments to the commission, the Association of California Water Agencies, which represents more than 460 public water agencies that collectively deliver about 90% of the water in the state, questioned the science used by the department.

“ACWA and its members are invested in healthy watersheds and habitats that support robust populations of native fish and wildlife,” said Stephen Pang, ACWA state relations advocate. “However, ACWA has significant concerns regarding both the scientific basis for a listing determination and the potential impacts on public water agencies’ ability to reliably provide



The California Fish and Game Commission is expected to adopt a recommendation to list the Southern California steelhead, shown here in Santa Barbara County, as an endangered species. Village News/NOAA Fisheries photo

water if Southern California steelhead are listed as endangered pursuant to the California Endangered Species Act.”

Ventura County agricultural interests said in a joint statement that an endangered listing would threaten sustainability of agriculture. The statement noted that such action “will have immediate, detrimental impacts on water diversion and groundwater recharge.”

Water from the Ventura and Santa Clara rivers supports agriculture and livestock directly and through planned and focused recharge of groundwater aquifers. Recharge also protects groundwater from saltwater intrusion, the groups added.

In addition, groups representing agriculture and water users said increased flows for the steelhead required by the listing would impact ongoing efforts by local agencies to balance groundwater as required by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, or SGMA.

“There is a lot of discussion in Ventura County about our not being able to recharge the over drafted basin in the way that we should be

able to because there’s this idea that we need to do environmental flows,” McGuire said.

Kevin Merrill, a wine grape grower and chair of the Santa Barbara County Farm Bureau water committee, said local farmers are waiting to see how an endangered listing for Southern California steelhead will affect water users that depend on the Santa Ynez and Santa Maria rivers.

According to California Trout, the upgraded listing of the Southern California steelhead will promote removal of obsolete dams, improve habitat, secure instream flows and restore watersheds, plus enhance federal protection for the species.

The nonprofit group advocates for removal of Matilija Dam in the Ventura River watershed and Rindge Dam along Malibu Creek, and expedited removal of barriers on additional creeks so fish can gain passage.

The state’s decision to increase protections for the Southern California steelhead comes several months after Gov. Gavin Newsom released the California Salmon

Strategy aimed at protecting and restoring the species “amidst hotter and drier weather exacerbated by climate change.”

The multiyear approach calls for removing obsolete dams, increasing flows, restoring habitat, improving passages for migration, modernizing hatcheries and other actions.

At the federal level, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service finalized three rules intended to strengthen ESA implementation by restoring protections for species and habitat, strengthening processes for listing species, designating critical habitat, consulting with other federal agencies and ensuring a science-based approach.

To learn more about federal ESA changes that took effect May 6, visit www.fws.gov/project/endangered-species-act-regulation-revisions.

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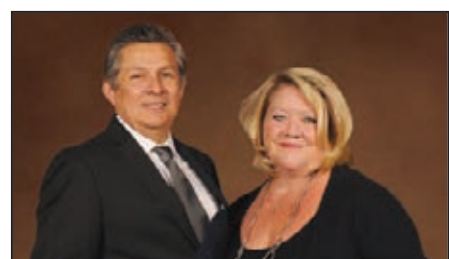
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Lifetime support switch turns on for Youth Music and Engineering Scholarship

Jean Larsen
Legacy Endowment

I've been feeling a very odd tug of regret recently that I did not know Richard or Mary Jane Weeks. Richard died many years ago, and last November, I was informed of Mary Jane's death. They both lived long lives.

He was an engineer, and she was a homemaker. There's not much more I can share, and I truly wish there were. Perhaps they chose to live under-the-radar, so to speak, because in this age of mass technology with ancestry, genealogy, social media, print and online archives, there's simply very little to be found.

Much of my understanding about them comes from all the meticulous records in my files, and I can draw some conclusions about their attention to detail, a desire to live a simple life and to give back to others. It's clear they were thoughtful planners.

In 1998, and then again in 2002, they started Charitable Remainder Trusts, setting aside a part of their assets to be invested and naming Legacy Endowment Community Foundation as the CRTs' Trustee.

Given their ages for both of the CRT's calculations, they were receiving a generous amount of annual income, paid out on a quarterly basis. After Richard's death, this dependable stream of income probably became even more important to Mary Jane, especially when she left our area to be closer to her sister back east.

Over the years, both CRTs invested corpuses grew, even while paying a generous amount of annual income to Mary Jane, which was important as her needs would've likely grown more significant as she aged.

After receiving the dry announcement by Mary Jane's attorney noting her death and wrapping up even drier tax

paperwork for the CRT's last tax returns, there's a new joy beginning to replace that odd regret in my heart. I'm learning more about what was important to them from the planning behind the two CRTs.

First was the guaranteed income stream that Richard and Mary Jane received while they were alive. I'm certain Richard wanted to make sure Mary Jane would be taken care of financially if he died first. The second, doing good in a community they both loved: Fallbrook.

Since they have both died now, the remaining amounts in the two CRTs are being transformed into permanent endowment funds. Per their instructions, one will support the Fallbrook Music Society for youth music endeavors and the other, to launch a new scholarship for Fallbrook High School students who are reaching for an engineering degree.

I'll never know if they loved Beethoven, Bach or Vivaldi best, pasta nights at home over steak dinners out, or preferred bright sunrises to glowing sunsets. But I do know, they cared about the importance of music for youth performers and felt the joy of accomplishment from building something from nothing by using science and mathematics.

So, in the names of Richard and Mary Jane Weeks, forever forward, young lives will be profoundly changed, affected and improved because they cared about making a difference for others. And really, this thought may be all I really need to know.

For those reading this article, I hope you will join with me, Legacy's Board of Directors and volunteer leaders to send a heartfelt "thank you" skyward for Richard and Mary Jane, filled with all the warm thoughts of sincere appreciation we can possibly gather.

Vallecitos School District gives 5% raise to classified employees

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

Classified employees who work for the Vallecitos School District will receive a 5% salary increase.

The Vallecitos board voted 3-0 Tuesday, April 9, with two seats vacant at the time of the vote, to approve the salary schedules for

fiscal year 2023-2024. The 5% increase matches that given to the certificated employees.

"We felt comfortable with that raise," Meliton Sanchez, superintendent of Vallecitos School District and the district's chief business officer, said.

The pay for specific groups of classified employees is based on

steps. The district has 22 steps.

"The board voted to increase that schedule by 5 percent retroactive to July 1," Sanchez said.

The Vallecitos School District classified employees do not have their own union, so there was no formal collective bargaining agreement. The collective bargaining agreement with the

Vallecitos Educators Association which included a 5% raise for teachers, was approved Jan. 9.

The district's classified employee salary schedule stipulates an annual pay rate for accounting and administrative technicians, custodians and receptionists and administrative clerks. Some employees are classified as hourly

including van drivers, noon supervisors, instructional aides, attendance, other office clerks and substitutes; the hourly pay scale has 10 groups as well as 22 steps.

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Rainbow MWD approves \$10M financing agreement for capital projects

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

The Rainbow Municipal Water District will be paying for \$10 million of capital projects and equipment with a loan.

A 5-0 Rainbow board vote April 23 approved a resolution authorizing an installment purchase agreement with U.S. Bank to finance the infrastructure and equipment. The loan will begin as a line of credit with a variable interest rate before converting to a 4.7% fixed rate for the remainder of the ten-year period.

"We're hoping to use the debt to help keep our cash reserves healthy and prevent any type of shock rate increase," said Rainbow general manager Jake Wiley.

On July 10, San Diego County's Local Agency Formation Commission approved a reorganization in which Rainbow and the Fallbrook Public Utility District would detach from the San Diego County Water Authority and join the Eastern Municipal Water District contingent upon approval by the Rainbow and FPUD voters. The voters of both districts overwhelmingly approved the reorganization Nov. 7.

After the LAFCO decision, the SDCWA filed a lawsuit against LAFCO, FPUD, and Rainbow. The four agencies agreed to a settlement Dec. 21. FPUD's detachment from the CWA and annexation to Eastern became effective Jan. 1.

The Rainbow detachment

will be completed after pump stations allow all Rainbow water to be taken from turnouts north of the delivery point where the CWA takes over operation of the San Diego Aqueduct from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

The LAFCO conditions included an exit fee to be paid over five years to cover the loss of the CWA's revenue from fixed charges. The total exit fee is \$24,305,000 with Rainbow responsible for 65% and FPUD paying 35%. The settlement agreement included payment of the full exit fee amount upon detachment, which equates to \$8,506,750 for FPUD with Rainbow paying \$15,798,250 when that detachment is complete.

"It's just a two-year payback on the exit fee. That's what we're predicting right now," Wiley said. "We continue to save money after that."

FPUD's Jan. 22 meeting included approving the issuance of water revenue bonds to provide rate relief to water users rather than to incorporate the exit fee into the current rates or to defer capital improvement or maintenance projects. "That's something we've been thinking about," Wiley said. "We have a couple of large capital projects going on right now."

The replacement of Lift Station No. 1 includes the new Thoroughbred Lift Station and appurtenant pipeline modifications, a force main from the Thoroughbred Lift Station to Old River Road, upsizing the existing sewer line along State

Route 76, and a gravity main from Olive Hill Road to the Thoroughbred Lift Station.

Including construction management and inspection services, the planned project cost is \$16,821,287. The three pump stations which will allow detachment from the CWA are currently a \$5,767,980 expense including construction management and inspection.

The State Water Resources Control Board has a State Revolving Fund which provides 20-year loans at interest rates between 1.5% and 3.0%. The loan through U.S. Bank is more flexible than a State Revolving Fund loan.

"It was a very competitive interest rate," Wiley said.

U.S. Bank is Rainbow's primary banking services provider for both checking account services and investment trusts.

The 10-year loan is payable in monthly installments and may be prepaid in whole or in part any time after five years without penalty. "From a government debt perspective it's really short-term debt," Wiley said.

The estimated total payment including interest is \$12,784,291. Although the pay-as-you-go method for capital expenses frees up interest payments for other projects, bond debt for capital improvement projects translates into future beneficiaries paying their share as opposed to being paid for in full by current residents who leave the area before the project's completion with newer residents not paying at all for the project.

Supervisors accept library donations

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

Donations to San Diego County which exceed \$5,000 in value must be approved by the county Board of Supervisors, although the traditional procedure for the County Library system has been to ratify the donations twice a year. The donations from July 1, 2023, to Dec. 31, 2023, were approved by a 5-0 county board of supervisors vote Tuesday, April 30.

The county supervisors approved \$500,420.59 of cash and non-cash donations for the six-month period including Friends of the Fallbrook Library donations valued at \$19,584.87. The funding for the Fallbrook branch provided classes and performances as well as publications and supplies. The largest single donation

from Friends of the Fallbrook Library during the second half of calendar year 2023 was \$3,030.32 for Scholastic Books and a \$66.08 donation allowed for Amazon new books. The Freaney & Friends performance activity was funded by \$2,000 of donations.

Ballet Folklorico benefited from \$500 of donations while \$2,070 was donated for other performances. Donations totaling \$2,740 allowed for yoga classes while \$1,450 was donated for Zumba classes. Workshops accounted for \$1,350 of Friends of the Fallbrook Library donations. A \$1,461.63 donation provided printed lanyards, badge holders, and bookmarks. A \$989.87 donation funded sports backpacks.

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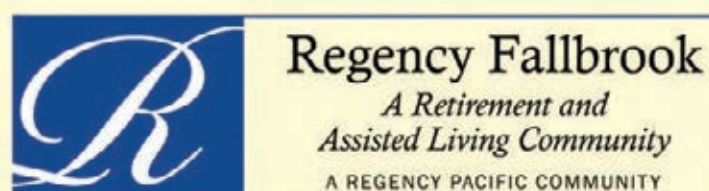
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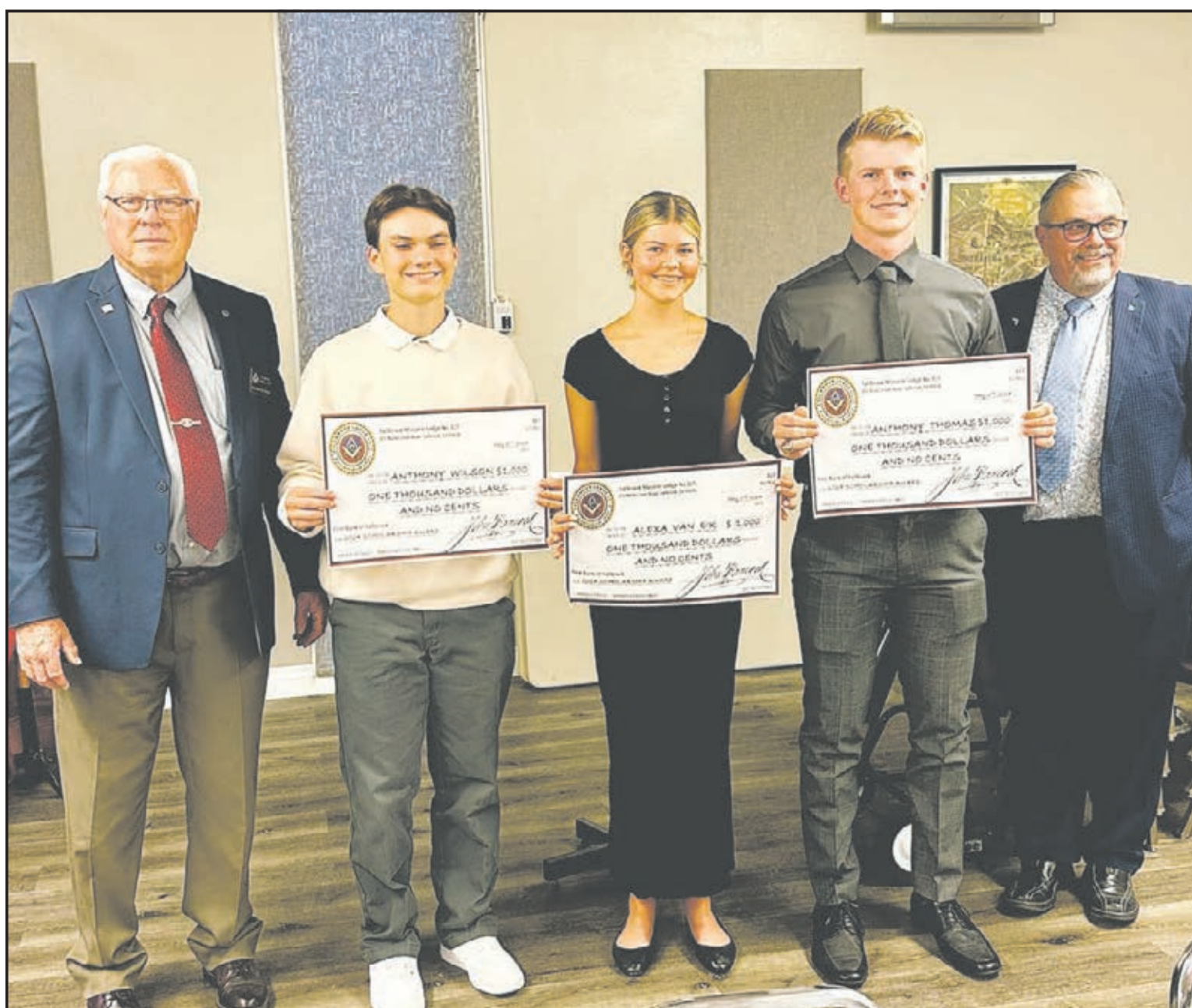
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EDUCATION

Masonic Lodge awards scholarships



FALLBROOK – Fallbrook Masonic Lodge No. 317 presented scholarships to Fallbrook High School students who demonstrated high ideals, financial need and involvement in their school and/or community.

These students excel in academic, civic, and sports activities and plan on attending university after graduation. The awards were presented at the lodge’s stated meeting dinner, and the students and their families were in attendance.

This is one of the community-based programs that the Fallbrook Masonic Lodge does for the community. Students awarded this year were Anthony Wilson, Maya Khoury, Alexa Van Eik, Sahara Khoury and Legacy Scholarships (prior recipients) awarded to Anthony Thomas and Malia Dabney.

Fallbrook Lodge meets every Thursday evening at 6 p.m. and holds its stated meeting dinner the first Thursday of each month and invites all men interested in freemasonry to come join them.

Submitted by Fallbrook Masonic Lodge No. 317.

Present for the Fallbrook Masonic Lodge’s scholarship presentation are, from left, Ralph Steinhoff (Junior Deacon), Anthony Wilson, Alexa Van Eik, Anthony Thomas (Legacy Scholarship recipient) and John McGoldrick (Worshipful Master).

Village News/Courtesy photo

Vallecitos School District to acquire wireless PA, bell, notification system

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

The Vallecitos School District will be acquiring a wireless public address, bell and notification system.

The district board had two vacant seats Tuesday, April 9,

when the other three members supported the motion to obtain the system from Visiplex. The cost of the system, including freight and a 10-year license, will be \$13,964.

“That will improve our safety and security,” Meliton Sanchez, superintendent of Vallecitos

School District and the district’s chief business officer, said.

The school district will obtain 16 wireless public address speakers with lights, message boards and battery backups.

“Each classroom will have an intercom,” Sanchez said.

If an incident in a classroom

occurs, information may be transmitted by text to elsewhere in the school rather than orally.

The system also includes a desktop paging base station with a handset microphone, a 25-foot coaxial radio frequency transmission line and three wireless public address horn

speaker sets including battery backup.

“It’s going to help improve our level of safety,” Sanchez said.

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Pratson set to graduate from University of Georgia

ATHENS, Ga. – Arianna Cherie Pratson of Bonsall is among the more than 8,000 candidates for graduation in the University of Georgia’s class of 2024. Pratson earned a bachelor’s degree in marketing.

“We are excited to celebrate the achievements of our University of Georgia students in the Class of 2024,” university President Jere W. Morehead said. “Commencement offers students, friends and families an opportunity to recognize the extraordinary dedication UGA students have shown during their time on campus. We look forward

to all the ways these students will positively impact their communities and organizations as alumni of the University of Georgia.”

The spring undergraduate ceremony took place Friday, May 10, in Sanford Stadium. The spring graduate ceremony was held in two sessions Thursday, May 9, with the master’s and specialist ceremony starting at 10 a.m. and the doctoral ceremony starting at 2 p.m. in Stegeman Coliseum.

Allison Schmitt, one of the most decorated American athletes of all time and a University of Georgia

alumna, delivered the spring undergraduate commencement address. Jenna Jambeck, the 2024 SEC Professor of the Year and

Georgia Athletic Association Distinguished Professor of Environmental Engineering at UGA, delivered the graduate

commencement address.

Submitted by University of Georgia.

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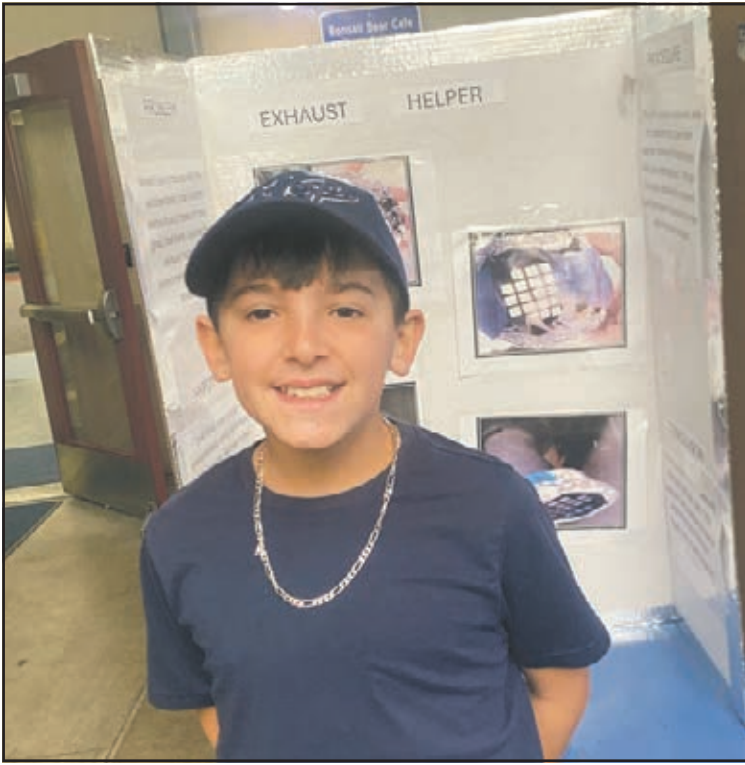
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Bonsall Elementary's Invention Convention shows can do spirit



Nathaniel Wooden's invention and his "Exhaust Helper" exhibit are on display at the Invention Convention, May 9.



Nyah Alcoser displays her space saving baby station invention.

BONSALL – "Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do," is a quote from famed UCLA basketball coach John Wooden. His young cousin, Nathaniel Wooden, (a 4th grade student at Bonsall Elementary School) must have taken this wisdom to heart when he invented the "Exhaust Helper" for the Bonsall Elementary School Invention Convention.

The Invention Convention is a Bonsall Elementary School 4th grade tradition dating back over 25 years. It was started by veteran teacher Dawn Sinclair, "At the beginning, we did it in our classrooms, but once we opened the "new" school, the fourth grade team moved the convention into the Multipurpose/Cafeteria and included the parents."

As time has passed, (the "new" school is now over 20 years old) the Invention Convention has grown to be one of the most attended events of the school year.

The project requires students to come up with a problem. They then have to develop a hypothesis to solve the problem and engineer an accompanying design. Bonsall Elementary principal Allison Fortney said of the event, "The invention convention gives students the opportunity to be creative, to think outside the box, and to solve a problem. It could be something in relation to their own life, such as a dog washing station for a dog who doesn't like baths, or it could be a problem they recognize in the community, such as a tool to pick up trash."

The entire grade level (which also includes teachers Rachel Rojas, Megan Sholder, Amy Tull, and Kyle Straeter) takes part in a team. The entire school tours the displays and family members are invited to attend. Straeter, an alumnus of Bonsall Elementary School, who joined the fourth grade team this year said, "The convention is one of the first times when you can see it start to click with students that school is leading

to something in the real world."

Nathaniel Wooden's invention took him straight into real world experience without having to wait around to grow up. Nathaniel, who goes by Nathan, created "The Exhaust Helper" to reduce pollution.

When a parent of a student in Sholder's class saw Nathan's design, she went to work the next day and told them all about it. The company, Magnaflow of Oceanside, designs the inner workings of catalytic converters. The company was so impressed with the young man's idea, they invited him out to tour their facility.

Nathan recalled, "We toured Magnaflow, which makes exhaust systems. There were so many jobs there. It was really cool." Nathan described seeing a dozen robot arms in the manufacturing department. He was able to meet the engineers and ask them questions about their work.

Nathan said, "We saw 3-D modeling and where they try their inventions on cars. We also did a fun experiment with liquid nitrogen in their lab where we got to shatter some flowers." They also adorned Nathan with a lot of "swag" including a shirt, hat, beach ball, stickers, and a lanyard. "It was a lot," he added, grinning from ear-to-ear.

His teacher said, "Nathan is a really hard worker and he excels in science and math. He has an enthusiasm and joy for learning about science. He makes teaching fun." Nathan says that he would like to pursue a career in engineering. "Science and math are my favorite subjects. And Mrs. Sinclair is a great teacher."

In regard to Nathaniel's cousin's famous quote, it appears that Nathan Wooden can already do plenty and is focusing on a bright future ahead.

Submitted by Bonsall Unified School District.



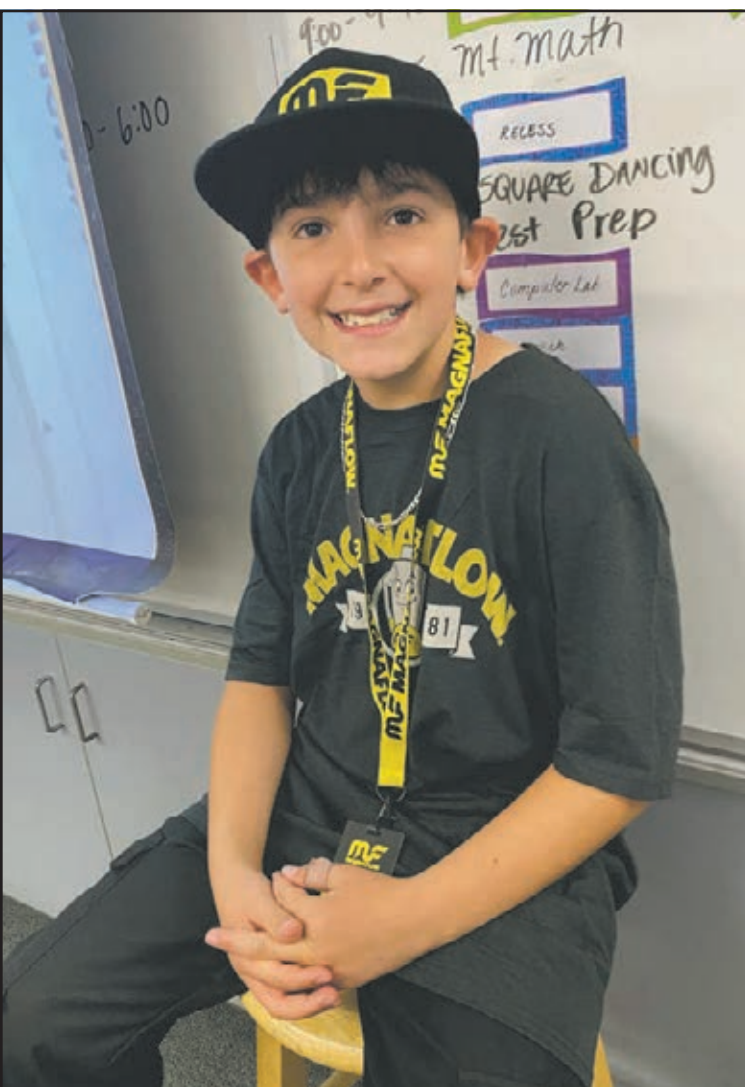
Melina Castaneda presents her Buddy Backpack.



Parker Pratt shows off an invention to keep track of one's snowboard.



Elise Maldonado makes the teddy bear good medicine.



Nathan Wooden wears his swag from Magnaflow as he shares his experience with his class.



Bonsall Elementary's annual fourth grade Invention Convention takes place May 9.

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Participate in interviews for Citizen Law Enforcement Review Board's next executive officer

Sir Milo Loftin
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Communications Office

County residents will have the chance to join the interview process for the Citizens' Law Enforcement Review Board (CLERB) Executive Officer opening.

One member of the public and one alternate will be randomly selected to represent each district at the May 28 CLERB meeting. The selected names will participate in the interview panel for the top two or three candidates.

If you are interested in participating, email your name, address and the district you live

in to clerb@sdcountry.ca.gov by 5 p.m. on May 23.

If you have any questions, contact the CLERB office at 619-238-6776.

The Executive Officer is responsible for managing and directing the department to ensure that the CLERB mission and vision are achieved through the investigative efforts for hearing and the resolution of complaints from members of the community relating to the law enforcement policies or practices of peace or custodial officers in the Sheriff's and Probation Departments.

They will also investigate in-custody deaths and serious bodily injuries relating to actions of law enforcement officers.

Visit <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/clerb.html> for more information about the position.

CLERB was established in 1990 to investigate citizen complaints against San Diego County Sheriff's deputies and probation officers. The board is comprised of 11 volunteers who are supported by five County employees.



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San Diego Weekly Gas Price Update

DALLAS – Average gasoline prices in San Diego have fallen 3.4 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$5.22/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 784 stations in San Diego. Prices in San Diego are 12.8 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 43.3 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has fallen 4.6 cents in the last week and stands at \$3.90 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in San Diego was priced at \$4.66/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$6.39/g, a difference of \$1.73/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$4.19/g while the highest was \$6.99/g, a difference of \$2.80/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 3.2 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.58/g today. The national average is down 3.7 cents per

gallon from a month ago and stands 6.1 cents per gallon higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Historical gasoline prices in San Diego and the national average going back ten years:

- May 13, 2023: \$4.78/g (U.S. Average: \$3.52/g)
- May 13, 2022: \$5.88/g (U.S. Average: \$4.44/g)
- May 13, 2021: \$4.13/g (U.S. Average: \$3.03/g)
- May 13, 2020: \$2.78/g (U.S. Average: \$1.86/g)
- May 13, 2019: \$4.04/g (U.S. Average: \$2.86/g)
- May 13, 2018: \$3.70/g (U.S. Average: \$2.86/g)
- May 13, 2017: \$2.98/g (U.S. Average: \$2.33/g)
- May 13, 2016: \$2.79/g (U.S. Average: \$2.22/g)
- May 13, 2015: \$3.90/g (U.S. Average: \$2.67/g)

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:

- Riverside- \$5.12/g, down 6.8 cents per gallon from last week's \$5.19/g.
 - San Bernardino- \$5.09/g, down 6.3 cents per gallon from last week's \$5.16/g.
 - Orange County- \$5.14/g, down 6.3 cents per gallon from last week's \$5.20/g.
- "While pump prices haven't exactly plummeted, we've seen the average price of gasoline drop in a majority of states over the last week as refineries finish maintenance and ramp up output of products like gasoline," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "With gas prices now nearing a 10-cent drop to the high we saw a few weeks ago, the future looks good as we get closer to Memorial

Day; price drops could potentially accelerate after last week's jobs data shows the economy continues to cool off. While gas prices stand slightly above where they were last year, I expect most Americans will see prices fall before the holiday weekend, and I'm optimistic the trend could extend into June and beyond. I'm excited to say it does appear that for now, the worst is behind us."

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105 N Main Gallery for the Arts is hosting a juried art show to support the efforts by the Sandia Creek Ranch Auxiliary Foundation (SCRAF) to revive the "Spanish" Barb breed that helped the Conquistadors discover the Americas. This breed is rare and considered endangered. All proceeds from this art show will be used to benefit the "Spanish" Barb Rescue.

- ◆ Award reception to be held at the gallery Saturday evening at 4:30 pm on June 29, 2024. (Refreshments will be served)
- ◆ All art show entries will be displayed and are available for sale from the evening of June 29 to 5pm on July 27, 2024.

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Instagram: [rescued_horse_journey](https://www.instagram.com/rescued_horse_journey)

Feeding San Diego needs volunteers for vital food rescue driver role that supports hunger-relief programs

SAN DIEGO – Feeding San Diego, the county’s leading hunger-relief and food rescue organization, is calling on the community to help fill a specific volunteer role.

The nonprofit, which is a Feeding America partner food bank, needs food rescue drivers to help pick up food from grocery stores and other food donors and deliver it to various partner organizations.

These partners help get food to people experiencing food insecurity throughout San Diego County. This important volunteer role allows the organization to supply some of its nearly 200 community partners with food they need for their critical hunger-relief programs.

The Feeding America partner food bank rescues over 31 million pounds of food every year with the help of volunteers, food donors, and food distribution partners.

Inflation continues to negatively impact household budgets, and food budgets simply don’t stretch as far or buy as much as last year, leading people to turn to food assistance programs like the ones provided by Feeding San Diego.

“Food rescue drivers are vital to ensuring our organization is able to respond to food donors

and go out into the community to rescue food in a timely manner. We have hundreds of food donors that we work with, businesses like Target and Costco, and partners rely on our drivers to deliver food that supports their work of providing meals to our neighbors experiencing food insecurity,” said Kate Garrett, director of supply chain at Feeding San Diego.

“As a non-profit organization, we have over 14,000 volunteers that interact with us every year, and we are grateful to each and every one of them for being a part of our mission,” added Garrett.

According to Feeding America, there are nearly 300,000 people in San Diego County experiencing food insecurity, including almost 80,000 children. Feeding San Diego’s various hunger-relief programs run year-round to support families in bringing nutritious meals home.

Seventy-six percent of the food that the organization distributes is rescued food, meaning it was surplus food rescued from a food donor. Feeding San Diego takes on the responsibility of getting that food, no matter how big the donation, and handling the logistics.

According to nonprofit ReFED, a staggering 38% of all food in the U.S. is wasted, and food

banks are doing their part to try to divert edible food from the landfill and instead get it to people facing hunger. This also ties into SB 1383, California legislation that went into effect in 2022 that requires certain food businesses to donate edible surplus food to food recovery organizations like Feeding San Diego.

Food rescue drivers must be 18 years or older. Volunteer drivers use their own personal vehicle for food rescue pickups; however, the organization can train drivers to use refrigerated vans provided by Feeding San Diego if needed and approved by the transportation team.

Volunteers can commit to a recurring pickup for at least

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| 600 blk Sancado Terrace | Missing adult |
| 300 blk E. Alvarado St. | Domestic violence - Battery: spouse/exspouse/date/etc |
| 1400 blk McDonald Rd. | Grand theft: money/labor/property |

| May 7 | |
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| 1600 blk Reche Rd. | 5150 - Mental health evaluation - 72 hr observation |
| 100 blk S. Main Ave. | Arrest - Armed suspicious person - Obstruct/resist executive officer with minor injury |
| 1600 blk Reche Rd. | Arrest - Spousal/cohabitant abuse with minor injury |
| 3500 blk Oak Cliff Dr. | Fraud - Get credit/others ID |

| May 8 | |
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| 1600 blk S. Mission Rd. | Arrest - Subject stop - Possession of controlled substance and paraphernalia |
| 1000 blk Hughes Ln. | 5150 - Suicide attempt - 72 hr observation |
| 900 blk Alturas Rd. | Petty theft - Stolen license plate |
| Hwy 76 / Old Hwy 395 | Arrest - Suspicious vehicle - Possession of narcotic controlled substance, controlled substance for the use of sale and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia |
| S. Mission Rd. / E. Clemmens Ln. | Arrest - Traffic stop - Possession of controlled substance paraphernalia and possession of controlled substance |
| 3300 blk Avocado Vista Ln. | Simple battery |
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| 600 blk Alturas Rd. | 5150 - Mental health evaluation - 72 hr observation |
| 1100 blk Belair Dr. | 5150 - Suicide attempt - 72 hr observation |
| 200 blk Ash St. | Arrest - Foot patrol - Misdemeanor cite and release on active warrant |
| 700 blk E. Elder St. | Verbal argument - Misc. incidents |
| 3300 blk Avocado Vista Ln. | Battery - Domestic violence incident |

| May 9 | |
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| 3100 blk S. Old Hwy 395 | Arrest - Extra patrol - Possession of controlled substance |
| 400 blk S. Stage Coach Ln. | Temporary restraining order - Violate domestic violence court order |
| 1800 blk Gum Tree Ln. | Missing juvenile/runaway |
| 300 blk E. Alvarado St. | Found property |
| 32000 blk Del Cielo Oeste | 5150 - Mental health evaluation - 72 hr observation |
| S. Mission Rd. / Via Monserate | Arrest - Subject stop - Possession of narcotic controlled substance and felony (other agency's warrant) |
| 3600 blk Palomar Dr. | Missing juvenile/runaway |

| May 10 | |
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| 4100 blk Pinehurst Ct. | Fraud - Obtain money/etc by false pretense (over \$950) |
| 1900 blk Quiet Ranch Rd. | Follow up investigation - Forgery: false checks/records/certificates, theft of elder/dependent adult, petty theft |
| 300 blk Charles Swisher Ct. | Fraud - Obtain money/etc by false pretense (over \$950) |
| 3800 blk Sumac Summit | Simple battery |

| May 11 | |
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| 39700 blk Calle De Luz | 5150 - Mental health evaluation - 72 hr observation |
| 5400 blk Triple Crown Dr. | Grand theft - From motor vehicle |
| Rolling View Ln. | Burglary - Residential - Hot prowl |

| May 12 | |
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| 100 blk S. Mission Rd. | Arrest - Indecent exposure - Disorderly conduct: under the influence of drugs |
| 40900 blk Via Ranchitos | 5150 - Mental health evaluation - 72 hr observation |

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Nick led a life of humility, kindness and service, including working alongside his wife for the Leer A Fallbrook literacy program and Boy Scouts of America. He was a master horse rider, a wonderful human being and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Leticia thanks her tribe and our community for their support and strength given her to continue on without his physical presence. She is grateful for the love she has received from so many, whose lives he touched.

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Main St., El Cajon, CA 92020 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$821,137.05 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 1241 CARLSBAD VILLAGE DR CARLSBAD, CA 92008 A.P.N.: 156-180-20-00 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. 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The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (916) 939-0772 or visit this internet website www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2023-1212. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: Effective 1/1/2021 you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. 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If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 5/8/2024 WESTERN FIDELITY TRUSTEES 1222 Crenshaw Blvd., SUITE B Torrance, California 90501 (310)212-0700 Kathleen Herrera, Trustee Officer NPP0460396 To: VILLAGE NEWS INC 05/16/2024, 05/23/2024, 05/30/2024

Trustee Sale No.: NR-53038-CA Notice of Trustee's Sale Title Order No.: 2392651-05 Ref No.: San Moree HOA APN No.: 228-551-50-00 (Notice Of Lien Sale Of Real Property Upon Lien For Homeowner's Association Dues) (CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE §§ 5700 and 5710) You Are In Default Under A Notice Of Delinquent Assessment Dated 8/30/2021. Unless You Take Action To Protect Your Property, It May Be Sold At A Public Sale. If You Need An Explanation Of The Nature Of The Proceedings Against You, You Should Contact A Lawyer. THIS PROPERTY IS BEING SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION CREATED IN CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE SECTION 5715(b). On 6/12/2024 at 10:30 AM, Nationwide Reconveyance, LLC As the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Notice of Delinquent Assessment, recorded on 9/10/2021 as Document No. 2021-0642742 Book XX Page XX of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of San Diego County, California, property owned by: John Weisheltinger and Ingrid Weisheltinger, Husband and Wife as Joint Tenants and described as follows: As more fully described on the referenced Assessment Lien Will Sell At Public Auction To The Highest Bidder For Cash, (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a State or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state.) At the entrance to the East County Regional Center by the statue 250 East Main Street, El Cajon, CA. All right, title and interest under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment in the property situated in said County, describing the land therein: 228-551-50-00 The street address and other common designation, if any of the real property described above is purported to be: 1144 Adele Lane San Marcos, CA 92078 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum due under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment, with interest thereon, as provided in said notice, advances, if any, estimated fees, charges, and expenses of the Trustee, to-wit: \$29,007.93 Estimated Accrued Interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The claimant, San Moree Homeowners Association under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. 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LEGALS

FALLBROOK COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP And DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

Chair, Eileen Delaney
Eileen.fallbrook@gmail.com
Regular Meeting
Monday, May 20, 2024
6:30 PM

Fallbrook Public Utilities District Board Room
990 E. Mission Road Fallbrook, CA 92028
For their convenience, members of the public may attend in-person or virtually through Zoom

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88274435609?pwd=c0JScQMy7VjSjXHT2GZAjZmUAcqR.1
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AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. STATEMENT (just cause) and/or consideration of a Request to participate remotely. (emergency circumstances) by a Group Member, if applicable. Voting item as necessary.
3. ROLL CALL
4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
5. PUBLIC FORUM. Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Group on any subject matter within the Group's jurisdiction but not on today's agenda. Three-minute limitation. Non-voting item.
6. Approval of the March 2024 minutes.
7. Approval of the April 2024 minutes.
8. California Legislative Report. Nick Brust from State Senator Brian Jones' Office. Informational only.
9. Report on Options for Streamlining Affordable and Attainable Housing Projects and feedback on AB 1033. County Planner: Morgan.angulo@sdcounty.ca.gov Community Input. Voting item.
10. Presentation on the VMT Mitigation program and options that staff are evaluating as part of the program. County Contact: Damon Davis, damon.davis@sdcounty.ca.gov Community input. Voting item.
11. Request for Waiver/ Exemption for a 4,400 SF metal sales office and storage warehouse for Youngren Construction. Location: APN 104-250-40-00, Address: 220 O'hean Rd. Contact: Dave Hendrikson, Dave@hen.bdi.com County Planner: Chloe.Hird, Chloe.hird@sdcounty.ca.gov Design Review Board Committee. Community input. Voting item.
12. Request for a waiver/exemption for a new sign. Location: The Railroad Heritage Park, corner of Elder item.and Main Ave. Contact: Jerri Patchett, jpatchett@sbcglobal.net County Planner: Chloe.Hird, Chloe.hird@sdcounty.ca.gov Design Review Board Committee. Community input. Voting item.
13. Presentation and request for feedback on the upcoming Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for \$9 million ARPA-funded grant program to help address broadband access and affordability in unincorporated areas. Contacts: Lucy O'keeffe, lokeeffe@guidehouse.com, Michael De La Rosa, Michael.DeLaRosa@sdcounty.ca.gov, Stephanie Johnson, Stephanie.johnson@sdcounty.ca.gov Community input. Non voting item.

14. PLANNING GROUP BUSINESS:

- Reports:
 - Chair's report:
 - Representative to the I-15 DRB: Jeniene Domercq
 - Project Updates: Steve Brown & Jim Loge
 - Representative to the Fallbrook Community Forum: Eileen Delaney
 - Representative to the Village Association: Roy Moosa
 - Representative to the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce: Jeniene Domercq
 - NCFPD & SD Sheriff Reports and information: Tom Harrington
 - Quarterly Reports (March, June, September, December) or as needed.
 - Trails Council & CSA-81: Stephani Baxter
 - Palomar College: Jacqui Kaiser
 - Local Schools: Kelly Hansen
 - Fallbrook Historical Society: Scott Spencer
 - Fallbrook Regional Health District: JJ Neese

15. ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: The Fallbrook Planning Group occasionally has openings on its Committees for non-elected community members. Interested parties should contact the respective Committee Chairs: Land Use Committee Chair Steve Brown steve.fallbrook@aol.com, Circulation Committee Chair Roy Moosa: 760-723-1181), Parks & Recreation Committee Chair Stephani Baxter: (stephani.fallbrook@gmail.com), Public Facilities Committee Chair Roy Moosa: (760-723-1181), and Design Review Committee Chair Eileen Delaney: (eileen.fallbrook@gmail.com), Ad-Hoc Cannabis Committee Chair, Jeniene Domercq, jeniene.fallbrook@gmail.com This is a preliminary agenda. If any changes are made, a final agenda will be posted at the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce (111 S Main Avenue) at least 72 hours prior to the meetings). Eileen Delaney, Chairperson, Fallbrook Community Planning Group & Design Review Board. Email: Eileen.Fallbrook@gmail.com OFFICIAL PLANNING GROUP AGENDAS, MINUTES AND INFORMATION Website: www.fallbrookplanninggroup.org FaceBook: https://www.facebook.com/Fallbrook-Planning-Group-10911157938214 Agendas can also be found at: https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/pds/gpupdate/comm/fallbrook.html.

Published May 16, 2024

Change of Name

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case Number: 37-2024-00021733-CU-PT-NC TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

Petitioner:
KELLY MARIE BOTELLO

Present Name:
KELLY MARIE BOTELLO
Proposed Name:
KELLY MARIE NIEDO

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.*

NOTICE OF HEARING

Date: 06/28/24 Time: 8:30 am Dept: 25
The address of the court is 325 S. Melrose Dr, Vista, CA 92081 North County

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Village News

NO HEARING WILL OCCUR ON THE DATE SPECIFIED IN THE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE.

The court will review the documents filed as of the date specified on the Order to Show Cause for Change of Name (JC Form #NC-120). If all requirements for a name change have been met as of the date specified, and no timely written objection has been received (required at least two court days before the date specified), the Petition for Change of Name (JC Form #NC-100) will be granted without a hearing. One copy of the Order Granting the Petition will be mailed to the petitioner.

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A RESPONDENT OBJECTING TO THE NAME CHANGE MUST FILE A WRITTEN OBJECTION AT LEAST TWO COURT DAYS (excluding weekends and holidays) BEFORE THE DATE SPECIFIED. Do not come to the court on the specified date. The court will notify the parties by mail of a future remote hearing date.

Date: 05/13/2024 Signed: Brad A. Weinreb, Judge of the Superior Court.
LEGAL: 6505
PUBLISHED: May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2024

Change of Name

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case Number: 37-2024-00020899-CU-PT-CTL TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

PETITIONER:
JOSE AGUAYO VAN LOON

Present Name:
JOSE AGUAYO VAN LOON
Proposed Name:
JOSE VAN LOON

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Date: 6/18/2024 Time: 8:30am Dept: C-61
The address of the court is 330 West Broadway, San Diego, CA 92101

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Date: MAY 06 2024 Signed: Maureen F. Halahan, Judge of the Superior Court.
LEGAL: 6503
PUBLISHED: MAY 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2024

Change of Name

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case Number: 37-2024-00021041-CU-PT-NC TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

Petitioner:
EMELY MELISSA MENA AND JUSTIN TAYLOR SMITH

Present Name:
ELIAN HAROLD SMITH
Proposed Name:
SANTIAGO HAROLD SMITH

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A RESPONDENT OBJECTING TO THE NAME CHANGE MUST FILE A WRITTEN OBJECTION AT LEAST TWO COURT DAYS (excluding weekends and holidays) BEFORE THE DATE SPECIFIED. Do not come to the court on the specified date. The court will notify the parties by mail of a future remote hearing date.

Date: MAY 07 2024 Signed: Brad A. Weinreb, Judge of the Superior Court.
LEGAL: 6502
PUBLISHED: May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2024

LEGALS

The deadline for Legal notices is Monday, noon. Email to legals@reedermedia.com.

Fictitious Biz. Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2024-9008460
Name of Business
ARSENAL BARBER SUPPLY
800 Civic Center Dr Suite H, Vista, CA 92084
Mailing address: 355 Morro Rd, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Barber Supplies Xpress, 355 Morro Rd, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by a Corporation
This Corporation is registered in the state of CA
Registrant first began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above as of 04/22/2021
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Apr 18, 2024
LEGAL: 6480
PUBLISHED: April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2024-9008461
Name of Business
ARSENAL BARBER SUPPLY
250 Woodward Ave Suite F, Escondido, CA 92025
Mailing address: 355 Morro Rd, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Barber Supplies Xpress, 355 Morro Rd, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by a Corporation
This Corporation is registered in the state of CA
Registrant first began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above as of 04/01/2024
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Apr 18, 2024
LEGAL: 6481
PUBLISHED: April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2024-9007421
Name of Business
NINI'S SWEET KREATIONS
716 West College Street, Fallbrook, CA 92028
Mailing address: 716 West College Street, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Karina Fabiola Villa Herrera, 716 West College Street, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above as of 04/15/2024
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Apr 05, 2024
LEGAL: 6482
PUBLISHED: April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2024-9008558
Name of Business
LALA URA FOX
2730 Circulo Santiago #V, Carlsbad, CA 92008
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Brenda Lee Lytell, 2730 Circulo Santiago #V, Carlsbad, CA 92008
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above as of N/A
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Apr 19, 2024
LEGAL: 6483
PUBLISHED: April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2024-9008563
Name of Business
BONSALL PEST CONTROL
2111 So Stage Coach Lane, Fallbrook, CA 92028
Mailing address: 2111 So Stage Coach Lane, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Patricia Dawn Kirkpatrick, 2111 So Stage Coach Lane, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above as of 4/2/2024
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Apr 19, 2024
LEGAL: 6484
PUBLISHED: April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2024-9008181
Name of Business
ARROYO VISTA NURSING CENTER
3022 45th Street, San Diego, CA 92105
Mailing address: 29222 Rancho Viejo Road, Ste 127, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
City Heights Health Associates LLC, 29222 Rancho Viejo Road, Ste 127, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company
This LLC is registered in the state of Nevada
Registrant first began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above as of 10/01/2003
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Apr 16, 2024
LEGAL: 6485
PUBLISHED: April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2024

Fictitious Biz. Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2024-9008605
Name of Business
ROSE AND JOY COMPANY
560 Industrial Way Suite D, Fallbrook, CA 92028
Mailing address: 560 Industrial Way Suite D, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
a. Elisha M Dixon, 1562 Fallbrook Court, Fallbrook, CA 92028
b. Erica J Evans, 1562 Fallbrook Court, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by a Co-Partners
Registrant first began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above as of N/A
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Apr 19, 2024
LEGAL: 6489
PUBLISHED: May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2024-9008889
Name of Business
GARRETT RANCH
3594 Via Zara, Fallbrook, CA 92028
Mailing address: 3594 Via Zara, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Diane Lyn Garrett, 3594 Via Zara, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above as of 03/18/2024
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Apr 24, 2024
LEGAL: 6490
PUBLISHED: May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2024-9008200
Name of Business
SYNCHRONICITY BRUSH
5256 S. Mission Rd Ste 703/728, Bonsall, CA 92003
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Erika A Moorman, 5256 S. Mission Rd Ste 703/728, Bonsall, CA 92003
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above as of 04/15/2024
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Apr 16, 2024
LEGAL: 6491
PUBLISHED: May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2024-9007767
Name of Business
PROVO PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LLC
394 Hill Court, Fallbrook, CA 92028
Mailing address: 394 Hill Court, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Provo Property Management, LLC, 394 Hill Court, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company
This LLC is registered in the state of California
Registrant first began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above as of 03/01/2024
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Apr 10, 2024
LEGAL: 6495
PUBLISHED: May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2024-9009008
Name of Business
ARROYO CONCRETE
918 Santa Margarita Dr, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Plutarco Arroyo, 918 Santa Margarita Dr, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above as of 1/1/2020
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Apr 25, 2024
LEGAL: 6496
PUBLISHED: May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2024-9008639
Name of Business
FALLBROOK BODYWORKS
577 E. Elder St Ste B, Fallbrook, CA 92028
Mailing address: 1076 Overbrook Ln., Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Julia Christine Raucci, 1076 Overbrook Ln., Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above as of 04/13/2024
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Apr 22, 2024
LEGAL: 6493
PUBLISHED: May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024

Fictitious Biz. Name

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2024-9008731
Name of Business
CARE PHYSICAL THERAPY
403 Ali Way, Fallbrook, CA 92028
Mailing address: 403 Ali Way, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Carrie Ann Loomis, 403 Ali Way, Fallbrook, CA 92028
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above as of 04/08/2024
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Apr 23, 2024
LEGAL: 6492
PUBLISHED: May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2024-9009818
Name of Business
a. SUKA PRESS LLC
b. MOLLIE MOON
c. PET REIKI
905 Hickory Court, Carlsbad, CA 92011
Mailing address: 905 Hickory Court, Carlsbad, CA 92011
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Suka Press LLC, 905 Hickory Court, Carlsbad, CA 92011
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company
This LLC is registered in the state of CA
Registrant first began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above as of 6/1/2006
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON May 07, 2024
LEGAL: 6497
PUBLISHED: May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2024-9009711
Name of Business
INSIGHTS DELIVERED
1736 State Street #422, San Diego, CA 92101
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Brian Cluster, 1736 State Street #422, San Diego, CA 92101
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above as of 5/6/2024
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON May 06, 2024
LEGAL: 6498
PUBLISHED: May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2024-9008630
Name of Business
TRICK DICE TATTOO
1378 Mission Rd, Fallbrook, CA 92028
Mailing address: 5641 Circle View Dr, Bonsall, CA 92003
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Ricardo Salinas, 5641 Circle View Dr, Bonsall, CA 92003
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above as of N/A
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Apr 22, 2024
LEGAL: 6499
PUBLISHED: May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2024-9009153
Name of Business
REINS THERAPEUTIC HORSEMANSHIP PROGRAM
4461 S. Mission Rd, Fallbrook, CA 92028
Mailing address: PO Box 1283, Bonsall, CA 92003
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Riding Emphasizing Individual Needs And Strengths, PO Box 1283, Bonsall, CA 92003
This business is conducted by a Corporation.
This Corporation is registered in the state of CA
Registrant first began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above as of 04/01/2024
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Apr 29, 2024
LEGAL: 6500
PUBLISHED: May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2024

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2024-9010219
Name of Business
BIPRO COMPUTERS
5521 Mission Rd, D-265, Bonsall, CA 92003
Mailing address: PO Box 265, Bonsall, CA 92003
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
David Felker, PO Box 265, Bonsall, CA 92003
This business is conducted by an Individual
Registrant first began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above as of 04/01/2024
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON May 13, 2024
LEGAL: 6501
PUBLISHED: May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2024

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED 2024-25 BUDGET

In accordance with the provisions of the Education Code Section 42103, you are hereby notified of the preparation of the proposed Annual Financial and Budget Report of the Fallbrook Union High School District, for school year 2024-25.

The proposed budget, computed district tax requirement, and any recommendations made by the Superintendent of Schools, San Diego County, shall be available for public inspection on June 5, 2024 to June 7, 2024, 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM, District Office, Business Services Online 2234 S. Stage Coach Lane, Fallbrook, CA 92028.

YOU WILL THEREFORE TAKE NOTICE THAT the Governing Board of the Fallbrook Union High School District will conduct a public hearing of the proposed budget on June 12, 2024 4:30 PM, Bob Burton Center for the Performing Arts, Fallbrook High School, 2400 South Stage Coach Lane, Fallbrook, CA 92028.

Dr. Paul Gothold
County Superintendent of Schools
San Diego County

Published May 16, 2024

Change of Name

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case Number: 37-2024-00018876-CU-PT-NC TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS
Petitioner:
DESIREE ELIZABETH ROBINSON
Present Name:
DESIREE ELIZABETH ROBINSON
Proposed Name:
DESIREE ELIZABETH MCQUARTER

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: June 7, 2024 Time: 8:30 am Dept: 25
The address of the court is 325 S. Melrose Dr, Vista, CA 92081 North County
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Village News
NO HEARING WILL OCCUR ON THE DATE SPECIFIED IN THE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE.

The court will review the documents filed as of the date specified on the Order to Show Cause for Change of Name (JC Form #NC-120).
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A RESPONDENT OBJECTING TO THE NAME CHANGE MUST FILE A WRITTEN OBJECTION AT LEAST TWO COURT DAYS (excluding weekends and holidays) BEFORE THE DATE SPECIFIED. Do not come to the court on the specified date. The court will notify the parties by mail of a future remote hearing date. Date: 04/17/2024 Signed: Brad A. Weinreb, Judge of the Superior Court.
LEGAL: 6496
PUBLISHED: April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2024

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case Number: 37-2024-00018611-CU-PT-NC TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS
Petitioner:
RAYMOND RAMIRO CONTRERAS JR
Present Name:
RAYMOND RAMIRO CONTRERAS JR
Proposed Name:
RAYMOND ZEPEDA
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: 6/7/2024 Time: 8:30 am Dept: 25
The address of the court is 325 S. Melrose Dr, Vista, CA 92081 North County
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Village News
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Petition to Administer

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF FRED J. HEINES
CASE NO. 24PE000844C
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **FRED J. HEINES AKA FRED HEINES**
A Petition for Probate has been filed by **SUSAN GAIL HEINES** in the Superior Court of California, County of **SAN DIEGO**

The Petition for Probate requests that **SUSAN GAIL HEINES** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)
The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: 6/13/24 Time: 1:30 p.m. Dept. 503
Address of court: 1100 Union St, San Diego, CA 92101
Central Courthouse
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for petitioner: Susan Gail Heines, 702 North Cleveland Street, Oceanside, CA 92054, (760)696-7176
Legal: 6504
PUBLISHED: May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2024

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Attorney for petitioner: Susan Gail Heines, 702 North Cleveland Street, Oceanside, CA 92054, (760)696-7176
Legal: 6504
PUBLISHED: May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2024

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case Number: 37-2024-00017952-CU-PT-NC TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS
Petitioner:
IRENE-MARIE HELEN SEELIG
Present Name:
IRENE-MARIE HELEN SEELIG
Proposed Name:
IRENE-MARIE HELEN SEELIG PRIL
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: 05/31/24 Time: 8:30 am Dept: 25
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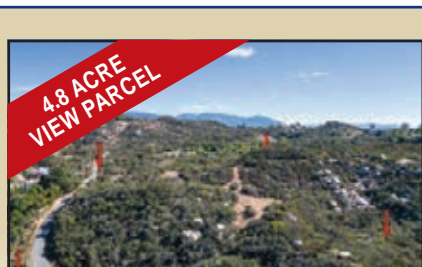


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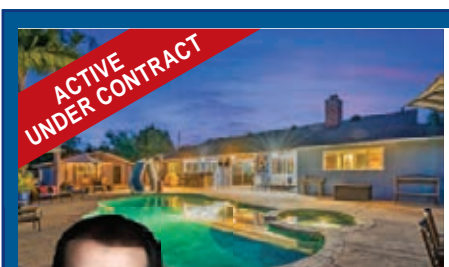
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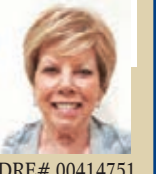


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