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Bonsall Unified on eve of schools reopening

With Bonsall Unified School District planning to welcome students back to campuses with a hybrid schedule on Monday, Oct. 19, the BUSD Board of Trustees reviewed the process, steps and decision making in preparation for reopening the schools, Oct. 14.

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Schwartz challenges Waldron in State Assembly race

Democrat Kate Schwartz and Republican incumbent Marie Waldron are vying for the California State Assembly District 75 seat on Nov. 3. Read their responses to a variety of questions.

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Fallbrook family claims lawsuit against FPUD

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Rainbow students return to school



Vallecitos Elementary School first grade student David Valazquez has his temperature taken before entering campus as students return to class at the Rainbow school, Oct. 20.

Village News/Shane Gibson photos

Haunted Hallows
Halloween maze to raise money for 12-year-old lymphoma patient

Lexington Howe
Staff Writer

Fallbrook native Jeff Woodrey is back in Fallbrook this year with his Haunted Hallows, a haunted house maze whose funds will go to support a young girl who is battling cancer.

Twelve-year-old Marilyn was diagnosed with stage 3 Hodgkin's lymphoma. Woodrey was connected to the family by someone he knew in Rainbow.

"I've raised money for three kids now that have cancer," Woodrey said. "It's very personal to me cause my two cousins passed away from cancer, and the first two kids I raised money for had the same type of cancer that my two cousins passed away from, so it's like, this is what I'm supposed to do, so that's why I do it."

Woodrey has been working on Haunted Hallows for the past eight months.

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Fallbrook native Jeff Woodrey creates Haunted Hallows each year, with this year's being the biggest one yet.

Village News/Courtesy photos



Twelve-year-old Marilyn was diagnosed with stage 3 Hodgkin's lymphoma and is currently going through aggressive treatments to fight the disease. The Haunted Hallows will raise funds to help with her medical bills.

Local Mexican immigrants proud and thankful for America

Lexington Howe
Staff Writer

Fallbrook residents Ana and Roman immigrated to the United States from Mexico decades ago at different times, but their view of America remains the same, despite its current state – they love it here and consider this their country.

"The first time, I didn't want to come to the United States, I'd just graduated from high school," Roman said. "But my mother brought me and my two other siblings for vacation after graduating. And obviously unbeknownst to me the plan was for us to come in and stay."

Roman cried himself to sleep every night. "I wanted to go back," he said. "I mean, I just got out of high school; I had my girlfriend



Roman and Ana separately immigrated from Mexico decades ago and are now Fallbrook residents who are happy to be living in the U.S.A.

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OPINIONS

Let us make our own decisions



Supervisor Jim Desmond
Fifth District

This past Friday, I scrolled through my phone and came upon something I couldn’t believe. For all the absurdities that have come down from the State of California, this may take first prize.

What was I reading? The state’s new guidance on private gatherings. Here are some of the points:

Gatherings that include more than three households are prohibited.

All gatherings must be held outside. Attendees may go inside to use restrooms.

Gatherings should be two hours or less.

Singing, chanting and shouting are strongly discouraged.

I thought I was reading a comedy sketch. Gatherings should be two hours or less? You’re allowed to go inside to use the bathroom? Singing, chanting or shouting is discouraged? Who is making these rules and why? This is just more big government intervening in our lives.

We need to allow adults to make their own decisions and to act in a safe and responsible manner. Which leads me to an interesting discussion I had last week.

On Friday, I released a podcast interview with Dr. Martin Kulldorff who is a professor of medicine at Harvard University and epidemiologist with expertise in detecting and monitoring of infectious disease outbreaks. Dr. Kulldorff is also the co-founder of the Great Barrington Declaration, which is a group of infectious disease epidemiologists and public health scientists who have grave concerns about the damaging effects, both physical and mental, when it comes to COVID-19 policies and orders. They are instead calling for “Focused Protection,” which would protect the most vulnerable and allow others to get back to work!

It was a fascinating conversation and I suggest you watch the video on my YouTube page.

Are you tired of being lied to?

The price of liberty is eternal vigilance

Julie Reeder
Publisher

We can’t trust most news shows to give us balanced true stories. It’s all about ratings. That is why I listen to news conferences and hearings pertaining to things that are important to me, like Supreme Court hearings, impeachment hearings, etc.

While listening to the Muller hearings, the inspector general’s report on the origins of the FBI’s Russia inquiry and the impeachment hearings, I was amazed at how incompetent and criminal the FBI and the intelligence agencies were. There was so much blatant lying and wrongdoing that it was apparent it happens all the time, and leadership was very comfortable setting up innocent people, such as Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn, and weaponizing the intelligence agencies to go after political enemies. Then declassified documents showed former President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden were in on it as well.

Why would they do that? It was apparent they needed to protect themselves and their cronies. And of course, it was not reported on the nightly news. One agent was indicted for fraudulently changing documents and misleading the FISA court so they could spy on Carter Page who was innocent, and try to implicate Trump.

Flynn worked in the Obama administration in the intelligence agencies. He was doing audits because of things he saw that weren’t right. He was a threat to someone, and they needed to get rid of him. So he was set up.

A declassified note explained how they planned to set him up. The note was written by the FBI’s former director of counterintelligence: “If we get him to admit to breaking the Logan Act, give facts to DOJ and have them decide. Or, if he initially lies, then we present him (redacted) and he admits it, document for DOJ and let them decide how to address it.”

Then President Trump was a threat, so he had to be eliminated after his surprising victory in 2016. One pattern that is seen over and

over again is that innocent people are accused of what the accusers have actually done, deflecting and projecting. It’s an amazing pattern, and since there doesn’t need to be a shred of truth or evidence, it works great. They put all the power of the federal government to work investigating some innocent person, and they have hearings, asking for example, “Why don’t you stop beating your wife?” Then leak the accusation to the press which runs with it on every network and it’s just rinse and repeat – for years. That’s when you see people like Rep. Adam Schiff and Rep. Jerrold Nadler or the disgraced James Comey, former FBI director, proclaiming lies to the American public and no one calls them on it. Soon it’s just believed by TV watchers who don’t have the time or the interest to really listen to any other side. After all the testimony and evidence is out, the TV stations, and The New York Times don’t recant it or make things right because it exposes their incompetence and outright bias.

As documents continue to be declassified after a tough fight, it is clear that Trump was accused of collaborating with Russia after Hillary and Biden actually collaborated with Russia and sold our uranium to them. The email scandal was also a problem so they had to build some kind of a case against Trump to deflect the light and blame from her.

There has been a lot of great journalism investigating this information with corroboration of state department whistleblowers and FBI agents who were sick about what they were seeing. Of course now, we also have handwritten notes from John Brennan explaining that the predicate to investigate Trump and Russia was Hillary’s idea and the now disgraced Steele dossier was paid for by the DNC and her campaign. It was all a lie and a set up against her political enemy who dared to win an election.

And it wasn’t just Trump, Flynn, Page and others. She also accused Democrat presidential candidate Tulsi Gabbard of collusion with Russia.

It made great click bait, rage bait

and increased TV ratings for years, while none of it was true. None of it. It divided America and worked to make half of America believe their president was a criminal.

Then as Trump was cleaning out the intelligence agencies, there arose questions about Hunter Biden and Joe Biden. It appeared Hunter was flying around the world everywhere his father was on Air Force 2 and actually making deals in Russia, Ukraine, China, Iraq, Kazikistan, etc.with criminals, communists and corrupt government officials. Their entire family was getting rich, and Joe Biden was denying he knew anything about it. Read Peter Schweizer’s book “Profiles in Corruption.” Schweizer and his investigative team offer a deep-dive investigation into the private finances and secret deals of America’s top political leaders. He uncovers corruption and abuse of power – all backed up by a mountain of corporate documents and legal filings from around the globe.

It was so hot that the mere question to the president of Ukraine was enough to whip the Democrats in an impeachment frenzy to protect the pair. They were saying that the president must be impeached and removed from office for raising a concern. But here are the other public groups that had previously raised the same concerns: The United Kingdom Serious Fraud Office; George Ken, deputy assistant secretary of state, Hunter Biden’s former business associate and ABC White House reporter; Good Morning America; ABC; The Washington Post; The New York Times; Ukrainian Law Enforcement and the Obama State Department.

What happened to transparency? I remember hearing Marie Yovanavich, who was the ambassador to the Ukraine testify to Congress how the only Ukrainian company she was warned about was Barisma, which was corrupt and Hunter sat on the board. She was to just avoid it. Later Joe Biden would brag on video how he got Ukrainian investigator and prosecutor Viktor Shokin fired

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Kennedy cares about Fallbrook

I am a longtime resident of Fallbrook that lives in NCFPD – District 1. There are few residents of Fallbrook that care about Fallbrook as much as David Kennedy does.

Over the years of knowing ‘Davey,’ I’ve come to realize how dedicated he is when he sets out to accomplish something.

Please join me in supporting David Kennedy for NCFPD – District 1.

Andy Meier

More nice people are moving to Fallbrook

Yesterday my husband and I went to the Alvarado Animal hospital to say a last goodbye to our furry pet who had cancer. When we arrived at the hospital, our car battery died, and we were stuck in the middle of the parking area.

One of Dr. Jones’ assistants came out to give us a jump start, and we moved out of the way before the car died again. Then, another patient came out to see if they could help, and they ended up going out to buy us a new battery.

These other patients were new in town and had decided that this was the proper way to do things. The woman’s name is Annette Van Buskirk, and I am delighted that more amazing people are coming to Fallbrook, The Friendly Village, and I hope that she and her family will find the rest of us nearly as nice as her and her husband are.

We are extremely grateful, and thank everyone who helped yesterday.

Ariel Hall

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Teacher’s reduced time is affecting everyone

Since Mrs. Eryn’s time at Bonsall High School was reduced, I have noticed that some things haven’t been as neat or organized. She has been so busy that she isn’t able to attend to all her students, this includes herself. This significantly affects her students because they cannot speak to her at the moment the question or a situation presents itself.

The reason I included her in the issue is because her mental and physical health is greatly impacted by the overload of work. As a

student I couldn’t say I understand her stress, but as a person and a human I can say that I do.

We need to look at the bigger picture, we must understand that there is a lot going on especially in the world. We all have the slight paranoia of COVID-19, the stress of work and meeting an expectation, along with caring for a family. Not only does she have a personal family, she also has a school family.

BHS has become a family to her and to us. We aren’t ready for

her to leave or at least not have her there all the time. I know that working with high schoolers is a lot of work and splitting her time between elementary school and high school isn’t correct.

She isn’t a robot; she is human. She doesn’t deserve to be overwhelmed with double or triple the work. Please understand that I’m reaching out for the sake of her and her students’ mental and physical well-being.

Sheila Lopez

Dear friends and neighbors

I would like to share with you some information on a local candidate running for the Fallbrook Planning Group. Stephani Baxter took over a seat midterm due to a resignation on the planning board. She has done an exceptional job so far working on a multitude of subcommittees.

She is involved in the planning

of the Fallbrook Skate Park and the expansion of trail access throughout Fallbrook; she is the docent coordinator at Live Oak Park; she sits on the Parks and Rec subcommittee and the Design Review subcommittee.

Stephani is a true trails advocate and will work hard to keep the Fallbrook way of life in our

community. Please vote to keep her on this important board as there is so much left to do for our community.

So please vote for Stephani Baxter, candidate for Fallbrook Community Planning Group 2020.

Lita Tabish

Stephani Baxter for planning group

Stephani Baxter, a local farmer, is an outstanding young entrepreneur and volunteer running for a seat on the Fallbrook Community Planning Group. I have had the pleasure of working with Stephani on various volunteer projects to improve our Village and help

businesses thrive. She is a hard-working woman of integrity and character.

Stephani has proven her commitment to our community through her countless volunteer efforts to ensure that Fallbrook maintains its rural, small town

charm. She will bring this same ability, dedication and energy to Fallbrook’s Planning Group and that’s why I am supporting her candidacy.

Jerri Patchett

Firefighters want a board that has their backs

As firefighters, we are on the front lines every day protecting our community from every type of emergency from wildland fires to COVID-19. All we ask is that we have a North County Fire Board of Directors that has our backs

so we can continue to provide the high level of fire and emergency medical service you have come to expect.

On Nov. 3, your Fallbrook Firefighters respectfully request you vote for David Kennedy

for North County Fire Board of Directors.

Ryan Lewis
President
Fallbrook Firefighters
Association

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“We felt very bullied,” local Fallbrook family claims lawsuit against FPUD



The Lingles have had to pay out of pocket for some of the damages to their house, just to bring it up to livable conditions.

Lexington Howe
Staff Writer

In a harrowing experience for a local Fallbrook family, Shane and Liz Lingle and their two kids had damages to their home of up to \$200,000, due to a water main bursting outside their home. The main belonged to the Fallbrook Public Utilities District.

After going through the proper channels to try to get FPUD to pay for the damages according to their lawyer, FPUD denied the claim, which has resulted in a lawsuit filed by the family.

“It was New Year’s Eve, Dec. 31 of 2019,” Liz Lingle said. “I work from home as an advice nurse for a large HMO in Southern California, and I was just finishing up my shift and I heard a huge crash and I thought there was a car accident outside. Suddenly it just started pouring rain.”

Liz Lingle thought it was a random thunder shower.

“At that time my husband was down the street with our kiddos,” she said. “I was just finishing up logging out of work, and as I came out he was banging on the door, and he came in and was telling me that it wasn’t a thunder shower, there was actually a water pipe that had burst in our street and was basically showering our home directly with a torrential downpour.”

Liz Lingle added that the water from where it had burst was pointing directly at their home, which they’ve lived at since July 2010.

“It was very frightening; it was very scary because it didn’t seem like anybody could turn it off, and that was the most horrible part about it,” she said. “All the fire trucks came and all the police came and the firefighters were coming through our home looking at the damages, and we’re begging them to turn the water off, but they said that they weren’t allowed to touch anything, only the water district could touch it.”

Her husband, Shane Lingle called 911 when it happened, but the call was redirected to FPUD.

“It ended up taking about 30 minutes for one of the employees to show up and another 20 minutes to turn it off,” Shane Lingle said.

“We just kept trying to put towels, and the water was pouring through our ceiling, and it was coming under every room in the north side of our home; the whole north side of our home was flooded,” Liz Lingle said. “It was pouring through our smoke detector, it was so strange.”

Liz Lingle added that it felt like fighting a losing battle. After talking with CHP, they were told to call a water restoration company.

“When the water restoration company came out, unfortunately they said this is category three water, which is black water,” Liz Lingle said. “It means that we’re not even allowed to put fans out, we can’t do anything, (we were) going to have to have every part of the home that the water touched, the drywall is going to have to be cut out. That’s when we started realizing this is incredible, this is such a huge destruction.”

“The blame is squarely being placed on Fallbrook Public Utilities Department. Our understanding is that’s their water main, and they have a responsibility to maintain it,” Walker said.

However, FPUD is under the law of public entity, meaning that you can’t turn around and sue them, according to Walker.

“You have to bring a claim under what’s called the government Tort Claims Act,” Walker said. “Anyone who has a claim against a public entity, they have to file a government tort claim with the appropriate department within a certain period of time, and we did that here.

“The family filled out the correct form, put in the information of the incident, claimed the damages, provided supporting documentation, and submitted all of that timely to Fallbrook Public Utilities Department,” he added. Around 45 days later, they sent a rejection letter.

While FPUD is not able to discuss the matters of the case, Noelle Denke, public affairs, did give a statement in regards to their pipe system.

“Fallbrook Public Utilities District service area will be 100 in June of 2022, and so obviously we’ve got some older pipes buried under the ground, pipes that need to be replaced, pipes that do break,” Denke said.

“We have line breaks and we also have a program in place to replace those older lines to limit the breaks, because obviously it’s less expensive, and less disruptive to residents and businesses and just

the town in general for us to have a scheduled shut down, to replace that aging pipe rather than waiting for a pipe to break and then taking a band aid approach,” she added.

Maintenance is mostly ongoing, according to Denke.

“What I can say about property damage claims is that any property damage claims over \$10,000 are sent to our insurance company and they’re almost always resolved without issues,” she said.

The Lingle’s had to pay out of pocket for the damages to restore it enough so that they could move back into it, as they had to stay at an Airbnb for nearly two months after it happened. According to Walker, due to the damage being caused by flood water, it is specifically excluded under homeowners insurance.

“We moved back in right before COVID started,” Liz Shingle said. “It’s been a really long haul remediating the damages and having to, unfortunately pay out of pocket for a big portion of it, and

make the home safe and livable to have our family in. We don’t have any flooring right now, and we have raw walls.”

COVID-19 has upended a lot of things, including the courts, according to Walker.

“Our first required court appearance is not until April of next year,” Walker said. “Then at that time we expect to get a trial date which probably will be the end of 2021 or the beginning of 2022.”

“We had to hire the lawyer because we had to make our home safe, and basically it wasn’t going to happen trying to work with them alone,” Liz Lingle said. “We felt very bullied, and it was very frightening to think that your biggest asset is destroyed and you might never have it back the way it was.”

Lexington Howe can be reached by email at lhowe@reedermedia.com.

Besides the damage to the home, they also lost items inside the home, as well as most of their camping supplies that had been in a trailer on site, which also had been directly in line with the water when it hit.

“Basically everything on the north side of the home, that just got completely saturated with water cause that’s where we store our son’s go kart, our lawn mower, certain things there, and then our landscape was completely destroyed,” Liz Lingle said.

When they filed the claim and it came back denied from FPUD, they hired lawyer Evan Walker, from the Law Office of Evan W. Walker.



An FPUD water main bursts on Dec. 31, 2019 Village News/Courtesy photos and shoots water onto a Fallbrook family’s home for about an hour, causing extensive damage.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FWC to honor veterans



These silent ladies represent woman's clubs through the decades.

FALLBROOK – The Fallbrook Woman’s Club is holding its meetings via Zoom to comply with the governor’s mandate, as well as the California Federation of Women’s Clubs. The club’s board members are meeting regularly online via Zoom and in person, following social distancing protocols.

Member meetings are monthly, on the second Tuesday of each month. FWC invites community members to join the meetings as a guest or new member. November’s member meeting will be a tribute to veterans. The guest presenter will be Chris Ingraham, the Veterans

of Foreign Wars Post Commander here in Fallbrook. The day of our meeting is the 245th birthday of the U.S.M.C. Members whose spouse is a veteran are invited to join this meeting, Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 11 a.m. Any veterans attending this Zoom meeting are asked to wear something that represents their branch of service.

At the October meeting, the guest presenter was Kim Gerrish of Michelle’s PlaceCancer Resource Center. Michelle’s Place is a nonprofit organization offering various means of support for women with cancer. The organization is based in Temecula.

The great news is Michelle’s Place has a satellite office here in Fallbrook. More information can be found at michellesplace.org.

There are several scarecrow ladies adorning the FWC Clubhouse at the corner of East Mission and South Mission. These “Silent Ladies” represent woman’s clubs through the decades.

To contact FWC, email fallbrookwomansclub@gmail.com.

Submitted by Fallbrook Woman’s Club.

Village News/Courtesy photo

FCAT is fighting for our planet



Will Shakespeare is the guest speaker for the Fallbrook Climate Action Team’s Oct. 27 Zoom meeting.

FALLBROOK – Will Shakespeare, climate reality leader and past chairman of Fallbrook Land Conservancy will speak at a Zoom meeting Oct. 27 starting at 6:30 p.m. His talk, “Fighting for our Planet,” is hosted by the Fallbrook Climate Action Team.

Shakespeare said, “There’s hope if we act. It’s not just doom and gloom though I will address the good, bad and ugly.” The goal is to leave people with ideas as to what

they can individually do, though by themselves it’s not enough. “It all helps to be a good steward of the planet.”

The bigger challenge is to get governments and corporations, worldwide, to act. There are many grassroots efforts taking place around the world and over 20 auto manufacturers switching to electric vehicles. Solutions are being worked on internationally. Citizens are voting and contacting legislators when a bill comes up for a vote.

Shakespeare has been involved in environmental interests dating back to the 60s and 70s when he taught the Sierra Club’s Basic Mountaineering Training Course in L.A. He is a graduate of the San Diego County Citizens Water Academy and an SDG&E Natural Gas Pipeline Coalition Chair.

FCAT presents monthly presentations about climate change, usually on the last Tuesday of the month on Zoom. To receive the Zoom link, sign up for the group’s eblast at fallbrookclimateactionteam.org.

Submitted by the Fallbrook Climate Action Team.

Prizes offered for Halloween costumes



Businesses can enter the Halloween Costume Contest too, maybe dressing up as pirates like Spencer and Michele Howard.

FALLBROOK – Roseland Nursery and Fallbrook Regional Health District are sponsoring a Halloween Costume Contest which is open to all Fallbrook, Bonsall and Rainbow residents, businesses and pets. First, second and third prizes will be awarded in three categories: Kids, Business and Pets.

Entries will be accepted through midnight, Nov. 1. To enter, email a high resolution photo to mhoward@reedermedia.com with Halloween Costume Contest in the subject line. Participants should include their name, phone number and email address (for contact purposes only) as well as the category they are entering and a one-sentence description of the costume.

Businesses can enter too,

whether the photo is of one employee or the whole company. In the Kids category, entries can be of individuals, siblings or groups.

Costume photos will be printed in the Nov. 5 issue of the paper. Village News readers will vote for their favorites by mail-in or drop off ballot (in a box at the Village News office). Voters will be entered into a drawing for a local gift card. One ballot is allowed per Fallbrook, Bonsall or Rainbow household.

Winners will be announced in the Nov. 19 issue of the Village News.

Look for ballots in the Nov. 5 issue of Village News. Ballots will also be available at the Village News office, 111 W Alvarado St., after Nov. 5.

Historical society museums open on Sundays

FALLBROOK – The Fallbrook Historical Society is now open at The Heritage Center at Rocky

Crest Road at Hill Avenue Sundays from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Visitors can enjoy the new exhibits in air-

conditioned comfort in the Main Museum, The Pittenger House, the Gem & Mineral Room and The Ford Room, watch historical videos, research their family’s history, delve into the collection of local newspapers from over a hundred years, talk to the knowledgeable docents about Fallbrook’s rich agricultural and railroad history and just have a pleasant time.

For more information, call 760-723-4125 or visit <http://www.fallbrookhistoricalsociety.org>. Private tours are also available by appointment.

Submitted by Fallbrook Historical Society.

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FUHSD trustees establish reserve capital funds for solar project

Jeff Pack
Staff Writer

During the Tuesday, Oct. 12 meeting of the Fallbrook Union High School Board of Trustees, the trustees agreed to establish a special reserve-capital projects fund to account for money received for the Solar Photovoltaic/Battery Project financing agreement that was approved by the board last month.

Called “Fund 40,” the fund will be established and held at Bank of America, the escrow agent for the project, as opposed to the county treasury.

The board approved the action unanimously.

The trustees also selected Alpha Design Studio and Ruhnau Clarke Architects to provide architectural services for projects with regard to the bond (Measure AA) and other projects.

According to the staff report, starting Aug. 24, district facilities consultant EH&A solicited architectural firms to provide architectural services to create a pool of qualified architects and 29 firms submitted.

That list was narrowed down to seven, which were selected to interview, before EH&A selected the final two.

“We can get things going and while one is working on one project, we can have the other working on another project,” Chief Business Officer Brenda Mefford reported. “We’ve had a little bit of a stall and we’re

trying to get things going. So, they were our two top choices.”

The board approved the choices unanimously.

The board heard informational items on Revised Board Policies and Administrative Regulations that will be presented to the board for approval at the Oct. 26 board meeting.

They also heard a first reading of the new Board Policy regarding student mobile devices.

“We currently do not have a board policy on student mobile devices,” Superintendent Garza-Gonzalez said in her report. “If you read through it, it does state that students may use cell phones, smartwatches, pagers, or other communication devices on campus during non instructional time, as long as the device is utilized in accordance with the law and any rules that individual schools sites may impose.”

Garza-Gonzalez said mobile devices would be turned off during instructional time, but there are certain times and situations where students would be allowed to have their phone on.

The policy will be presented to the board for approval Oct. 26.

Earlier in the meeting, Garza-Gonzalez recognized longtime Fallbrook High employee Jimmy Leal for more than 30 years of dedicated service to the district.

“It is a great loss to Fallbrook Union High School District, we are going to miss him a great deal,” she said. “But we wish



The Fallbrook Village News/Courtesy photo Union High School Board of Trustees met via teleconference Tuesday, Oct. 12.

him the best in his new adventure in Idaho.”

Principals Dr. Narciso Iglesias (FUHS) and Michael Gray (Ivy and Oasis) gave updates, and Judi Reynolds, Director of Food Services for the district, gave a presentation to the board regarding the department and its background.

The school board unanimously approved the consent agenda, which included the approval of the K-12 Strong Workforce Program Participation Agreement Career Technical Education with San Diego County Superintendent of Schools, approval of the Williams Complaint Quarterly Report for July 1-Sept. 30, approved gifts

and donations, the purchase of the Actively Learn curriculum, approved a video switcher for online learning in film studies, and approved a memorandum of understanding between Able-Disabled Advocacy and FUHSD.

Board president Diane Summers reported from the closed session meeting, which included public employment discipline, dismissal and release, a conference with legal counsel about pending and existing litigation, a conference regarding labor negotiations with Garza-Gonzalez and FHSTA and SEIU.

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MAZE

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“It’s more of a haunted trail than a haunted house,” Woodrey said. “It’s primarily outside, maybe one person of it is kind of indoors, but I have a bunch of animated props, tons of decor, volunteers.” This is the biggest one he’s done.

“I’ve been told that my haunted house is better than some of the professional haunted houses here in San Diego County,” Woodrey said. “It’s a maze this year. Before it was more kind of like a straight walk through, but I’ve made it a lot larger this year. It’s pretty cool.”

Woodrey has loved Halloween since he was a kid.

“The first Halloween party I did for my family was when I was 15, and then I did a Halloween party for about 18 years,” Woodrey said. “I started doing the fundraiser cause my family was starting to get kind of burnt out on all of the Halloween parties every year, so I decided I wanted to do a haunted house for the community, but also help others at the same time.”

This is his fifth year running a fundraiser.

“The first year was really small, I’d say maybe 200 people came through,” he said. “The second year I would say over the course of the six days we did, I’d say 800 to 1,000 people, and then the next year I would say probably 1,500 came through.”

Last year in Rainbow they had around 800 people.

“We did okay, we were so far out there, I don’t think a lot of people wanted to make the drive out to Rainbow,” Woodrey said.

This year due to COVID-19, there are some guidelines.

“There’s social distancing, rules will be in place,” Woodrey said. “I’m going to have markers that are eight feet apart so if we get large groups, to make sure that they’re not interacting with anybody else. Masks are mandatory, unless somebody has an actual health condition and can’t wear a mask, we’ll accommodate them.”

There is no parking permitted at SonRise Christian Fellowship this year.

For more information on Haunted Hallows, visit <https://www.facebook.com/HauntedHallowsOfFallbrook>. To help out with Marilyn’s GoFundMe, visit <https://gf.me/u/ydftdu>.

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Bridging gaps by giving at the senior center



Fallbrook Senior Center Board Member Teri King, left, and executive director Renae Rasmussen, second from right, along with Shamrock Foods workers prepare to distribute USDA Farmers to Families Food Boxes of fresh food, Oct. 19.

FALLBROOK – Everyone’s lives have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in some way. On a positive note, the Fallbrook Senior Center is taking the lead not only in serving seniors in need but also in reaching out to the most vulnerable residents in the community.

The center has partnered with its Shamrock Foods vendor in bringing more to the table in an initiative called, “USDA Farmers

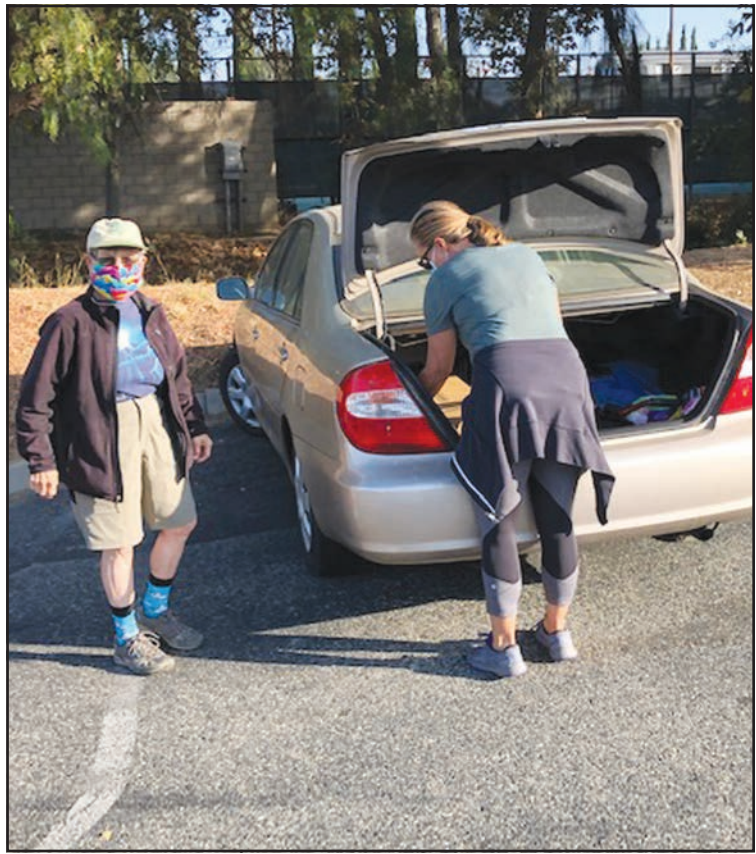
to Families Food Boxes,” that has positively impacted the Friendly Village and surrounding areas during these challenging times.

Working together and distributing kindness has been the key to making sure everyone assisted gets the fresh produce they need to thrive. This past Monday, Oct. 19, the senior center joined forces with the Fallbrook Food Pantry, North Coast Church and Brother Benno’s in the food

supply wealth of over 200 boxes.

Anyone who needs food can come receive support. First-come, first served and wearing their masks, they can stay in their vehicle. Having their trunk cleared out will enable a fast transfer of support. Social distancing will be observed, and walk-up service will be available.

The senior center is at 399 Heald Lane and the food distribution will be done in the parking lot across



A volunteer puts a box of fresh produce in the trunk of a recipient at the Fallbrook Senior Center.

from the center at Fallbrook Street, from 8 to 10 a.m.

One USDA Farmers to Families Food Box per family will include milk, yogurt, cottage cheese, sliced cheese, cooked chicken legs, cooked taco meat, potatoes, carrots, onions and apples.

The Fallbrook Senior Center’s mission is to improve the quality of life of seniors 50 and over in the community. The center is currently closed due to the

coronavirus pandemic, but still provides hot senior lunches Monday through Friday with their “Meals-To-Go” and “Home Delivery” programs. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated, but not required. For more information, call 760-728-4498.

Submitted by the Fallbrook Senior Center.

2020 may be unpredictable, but not for these candidates

Will Fritz
Staff Writer

It’s fair to say the vast majority of voters already know who they will be voting for president this year, if they haven’t already voted — not that it matters much in California, which will almost certainly lend its 55 electoral votes to Joe Biden.

But what about down-ballot elections?

The highest profile local race, between Darrell Issa and Ammar Campa-Najjar for the 50th Congressional District, appears to be a statistical dead heat, some polling has shown, giving local voters a unique chance to determine whether Democrats will expand their majority in the U.S. House of Representatives or Republicans will hold the line.

Further down the ballot than that, though?

As it turns out, voters may not have much of a choice in many lower-profile races.

That’s because contests for 11 separate seats on local boards in Fallbrook and Bonsall only have one candidate each.

The Fallbrook Union Elementary School District, Fallbrook Union High School District, Fallbrook Regional Health District and Bonsall Unified School District all have two seats each that are up for election this year with only one candidate. The Fallbrook Public Utility District has three unopposed candidates.

Some of those candidates knew they would face little opposition when they pulled papers to run.

Some, though, were not expecting as much.

Suzanne Lundin, a candidate — or, more accurately, the candidate — for Fallbrook Union Elementary School District Trustee Area No. 2, said she knew going into the race that two current FUESD board members, Lisa Masten and Siegrid Stillman, resided in her trustee area, and assumed she would be running against an incumbent.

Masten initially was the only current board member to pull papers to run in Trustee Area 2.

“Every indication I had gotten was that she was a serious candidate and was planning to run, so I knew going into this that it was very likely that I would be running against an incumbent and I also know how much of a high risk that is because most voters will tend to support an incumbent in a down-ballot election,” Lundin, a retired fundraising consultant, said.

That threat of running against a better-known candidate did not scare her, though.

“I felt it was so important to have a new voice on the school board joining some of the other new voices I thought would be there, because I really think it is time for a change,” Lundin said. “And by that I mean, I think the school district is doing a great job with our kids, I don’t mean to be critical of that, but I think we can do better focusing on reading proficiency.”

Masten, however, did not ultimately complete the filing process to run for re-election. She later confirmed via email to Village

News she was not running.

“When the deadline for filing came and went and I couldn’t tell yet from the (San Diego County) Registrar of Voters website what was going on, I kept tracking it and it wasn’t until a colleague of mine told me, ‘you’re running unopposed’ that I found out,” Lundin said.

She said it was a surprise, but not an unwelcome one — instead of making campaign signs, Lundin could take time to prepare herself for being a school board member.

“It was wonderful to know that I didn’t have to spend the next two and a half months campaigning and I could spend that time getting ready for the job and bringing myself up to speed,” Lundin said.

She said she is looking forward to her new position.

“I feel grateful for being given this opportunity and I’m humbled by the responsibilities that I will have and I’m very excited to be serving with what I believe will be an outstanding school board and working with a great district office team,” Lundin said.

Don McDougal, unopposed in the race for Fallbrook Public Utility District Board of Directors Division 4, is in a much different position. He’s not a new candidate — he’s a known force, both at FPUD and in the Fallbrook community.

McDougal, who in his day job is the president and CEO of Grand Tradition Estate and Gardens, has served on the FPUD board since 2004.

He said he’s actually not a fan of campaigning, and so he was not

too upset to find himself without opposition for another term — McDougal did face opposition in two of his previous runs for the FPUD board, he said.

“I’m not a politician, I hate campaigning, that’s probably the worst part of it, is having to pick up signs and banners and you get your name out there,” McDougal said.

He also said he felt for a small utility district board like FPUD, having unopposed candidates can be a good thing.

“The nice thing where we have three board members this time who are unopposed, so there are really no candidates who are running against the board members, is it allows the board to have continuity and continue to work and accomplish the things that we’ve been doing over the last several years and keep that moving forward without having to have a new candidate come in,” McDougal said.

He said having board members who care about the community they serve is what’s important, not whether or not there is competition every election.

“I don’t think it really matters one way or another; the main interest is to have board members that are passionate, believe in the community, believe in what they’re doing and are working together to try to help the community,” McDougal said. “I’d much rather have incumbents running unopposed than have somebody come in that has a whole different agenda that wants to turn things totally upside down. A few years

ago we had a candidate who ran for the water district that just came in and wanted to, you know, vote ‘no’ on everything, was disruptive. And all that does is it creates turmoil and chaos and a feeling of ill will within the board, so having a board that can work together as a cohesive group and for the benefit of the community is always preferable.”

He said he takes the fact that he is running unopposed this time around as an indication he is doing a good job.

“I’ve been lucky that I’ve always had a lot of great support within the community, so I’ve never really had any real heavy challenges and I’ve always done what I think is best for the community and obviously the ratepayers seem to agree,” McDougal said.

Not that he plans on doing it forever. While McDougal is being elected for at least another four years, he said he’s not sure what the future will look like after that term.

“I think I’m possibly getting near the end of my time, it’s time to let some others take in there,” McDougal said. “I’m retiring the end of November of this year, so I haven’t decided the future that far, but I think it’s getting time to get some new younger blood come in and it would be nice if we could find somebody that kind of shares the same ideas and the same principles that is willing to take over.”

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One more candidate for FCPG answers the questions

Lucette Moramarco
Associate Editor

Last week, Oct. 15, we ran answers from 10 of the 11 candidates for the Fallbrook Community Planning Group. Voters are able to vote for eight of the candidates.

Collin Stephens’ answer to the first question was inadvertently left out, so it is below. Jim Loge was out of town when the questions were sent out, so he was not able to reply until this week. His answers

are also below.

Why did you decide to seek this seat?
Collin Stephens: My wife and I chose Fallbrook to raise our family because of what it represents and offers...a charming small town feel, a mix of country and village living and a vibrant community core. As a young husband and father, I decided it was time to step up and take an active role in defining the future of where my children are raised. Our

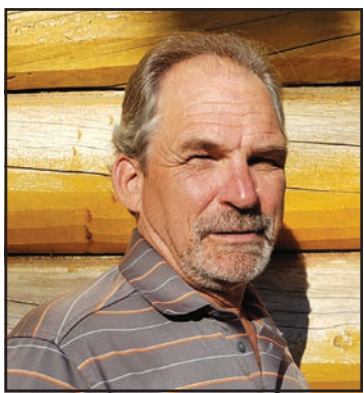
Community Planning Group has done an amazing job to bring us to where we are and I believe I am the right person to carry the torch and take the next step.

Jim Loge: First elected in 2016, it has been an exceptional four years as I learned what Fallbrookians value in our community. I am asking for your vote so that I can continue to work with you and the county representatives to guide Fallbrook. I am currently serving on the Parks and Recreation (Chairperson as of Jan 2020), Circulation (Vice Chair), Public Facilities (Vice Chair) and Land Use Sub-Committees.

It is serving our local community well, invested in wants, needs and concerns, then advising the county with recommendations that best serve our community in accordance with the Fallbrook Community Plan.

What Planning and Land Use issues do you think Fallbrook will be facing over the next four years and how would you deal with them?
Jim Loge: One of the honors I’ve had is working alongside others within the community and County as Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee. I’m a project manager by profession and know that the new park and other parks enhancements will benefit all. But the community interest has made volunteering my professional skills and training a rewarding experience.

Other projects I’d like to continue working on through completion are downtown zoning guidelines that support businesses and enhanced safe multi use walkways and roadsides that benefit all.



Collin Stephens

In what direction will you try to guide Fallbrook?
Jim Loge: I’m a native from Carlsbad. As a child, visiting Fallbrook was a special treat. I moved here in 2003. Visiting shops, engaging with merchants and residents is like chatting with old friends. I’d like to continue volunteering to support residents and businesses that preserve and enhance our Friendly Village, so that everyone benefits.

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OPINIONS from A-2

Scarecrows have been damaged

Seven years ago as a new resident to Fallbrook I chose to know my new town by becoming a volunteer photographer of people and places so I could learn quickly. I discovered my new hometown’s places and people in an accelerated way.

My past experience was being a documentary filmmaker and coordinator of 100 volunteers over five years to make a movie while still working as a nurse, rehab care manager for 40 years and producing /hosting an interview program for a local cable TV.

I started here in Fallbrook with the constant work of graffiti cleanup and trash pickup and photographing kids being taught to care for our beautiful environment for future generations.

The boundless energy by those in the 150 nonprofit groups – which includes the artistic community – opened me up to how many rich, cultural offerings there are in this little town.

Taking photos of the wonderful people and their activities helped me in my transition to my new home known as “the friendly village.

I am in my fifth year as a scarecrow volunteer helping create unique Halloween scarecrows intended to be a light-hearted way to draw tourists here while creating a bit of fun for the residents.

Quiet creative types construct crazy creatures at workshops while the Scarecrew works together with that unified goal in mind. One can’t help but smile at this new way to show stores are “open for business.”

But this year was different. Two scarecrows were vandalized – one on each end of town.

Why on earth would someone punch the funny face of a young papier mache scarecrow sitting on a bench? Who needs a Halloween costume so bad they must rip apart a carefully created scarecrow of a charismatic sports star?

As many as 10 young kids helped create and painstakingly paint that

scarecrow with the help of friends and teachers leading the way.

The vandalization and theft of crafted scarecrows intended to generate smiles does what exactly? Each “crow” represents hours of hard work and a commitment to benefit Fallbrook. The businesses feel violated and a sense of loss when theirs are destroyed. What is it with you scarecrow vandals?

Fun matters. Clean streets, graffiti-free buildings, a walkable downtown all matter to us. Is ruining good times for residents, visitors, elders and kids alike a goal? Reckless destructive actions are considered fun? Is it empowering to damage a simple scarecrow, steal a scarecrow, steal the costume of a sports figure or damage the artistry of a sculpted face?

Fallbrook, we need to rely on each other now more than ever. If you are a neighbor, you will sound the alarm when you see someone destroying or stealing something decent and meant for the good of the community.

It’s up to each one of us to make life a positive experience – especially for the kids who really love the scarecrows.

It has been fun documenting the work of countless volunteers and leaders of the 150 different volunteer and nonprofit organizations, but the saddest part has been taking pictures of the damage done to these fun forms of public art.

My advice to those of you who destroyed the scarecrows this year, maybe you should join others in contributing – rather than taking something away from our town? Be a positive force, make a scarecrow, it could change you, it would bring joy to the community instead of fear.

Any community is the sum of its parts and best when working together. The challenge to graffiti artists, reckless smashers, and thieves is to make a change. Contribute, don’t destroy!

Nancy Heins-Glaser

Finding joy in the spirit of true Americans

“The greatest trick the devil ever pulled was convincing the world he didn’t exist,” “The Usual Suspects.” I have always loved that quote.

It is one that continually enters my head when reading through the myriad news, so-called news and social media posts that have overwhelmed my life on a daily basis. And this is not me whining about it, this is my job, it’s what I do and what I love.

But finally, for me at least, the constant premeditated state of chaos coming out of the people’s house in Washington D.C. that has become normalized, if only by sheer volume in delivery, has finally reached peak white noise.

And in that, I found peace. The noise just washes over me.

Maybe it’s the polling numbers that are lulling me into a false sense of security. Maybe it’s the disastrous debate performance that culminated in a mostly national condemnation. Maybe it’s the screaming and yelling about COVID-19 immunity, and Superman t-shirts and “dancing” to “YMCA.”

The sheer volume of nonsensical spewing of hatred and nonsensical ramblings by the candidate, without offering a shred, a piece, a taste of platform or plan for a second term beyond empty, repeated (see 2016) promises is like sweet music to my ears.

Apparently, we’re supposed to be making America Great Again ... again?

For this candidate, failure can only be conquered by doubling down on past failures with more failures and a ... catchy tagline printed on imported hats?

“Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results,” not said by Albert Einstein, seems to sum up the collective career of this candidate, and yet, he’s relying on that very tactic for reelection.

And I am bathing in it. Enjoying

every second. Why?

For two reasons.

One, I believe many Americans are finally seeing through the noise and recognizing what is happening to their country. They are realizing that when this election cycle is all said and done – if he is reelected – this pit in their stomach, the feeling of “this can’t continue,” this divisiveness, con game and noise won’t stop.

It will continue, it will grow louder and more abusive. The atrocities will continue, the mental beatings more ingrained into our collective moral consciousness – and, I believe, they recognize that for what it is.

I believe they won’t stand for it a second time.

Two, witnessing the reaction of the American public to that noise in the form of waiting in hours long voting lines to fill in their ballots inspires me.

After decades of voter suppression perpetrated by exactly whom you would expect would utilize their power in order to continue to cling to it, Americans are standing in line, supporting and encouraging each other to stick it out and change this country for the better.

As a nation, I expect to see voter turnout in numbers we have never seen before, and that will not bode well for the incumbent.

Those voters standing in line saying they don’t care how long it takes, their voice will be heard ... Those are the people that make America great.

They always have, they always will – and they don’t need a ballcap or a flag strapped to the back of their truck to prove it – they do it with a ballpoint pen and a love for their fellow American.

Vote, like your life and the lives of those you love depend on it. Because they do.

Jeff Pack

Dear Fallbrook voters and neighbors

I’m writing this letter to express my support and to urge Fallbrook voters to consider supporting Collin Stephens who is running for the Community Planning Group. While the state of politics in our country is concerning, this nonpartisan office should be filled by someone who can see all sides of an issue – this, Collin will do.

While Collin and I do not see eye to eye on every issue, we always exchange ideas freely and respectfully – a concept that seems so far away from today’s political climate.

If you want to see where he stands, or who he is, or why he’s running, please reach out to him at Collin4fallbrook@gmail.com.

Whether you cast your vote for Collin or not – please vote. This is the most important election in recent history. Vote now. Vote early, and please – vote for your country, not for your party.

Jorie Lian

Kennedy is a veteran firefighter

When it comes to fighting to protect lives and property, nobody understands what’s needed better than those who have lived it.

As a committed veteran firefighter, David Kennedy will bring his experience, skill and understanding to the North County Fire Protection District Board.

Now more than ever we need leaders who will make your safety their highest calling. David Kennedy will work to ensure North County Fire Protection District has the highest level of training, equipment, and personnel to protect you and your family.

Fallbrook Firefighters proudly endorse David Kennedy for District 1, North County Fire Protection District.

Thomas Harrington
Fallbrook Firefighters PAC
Chairman

Capitalism vs Socialism

I know many of you have voted, hopefully as if your life and the life of our republic is at stake, because it is. If you have not, it is imperative that you realize the consequences – Capitalism over Socialism which is the next step to Communism, no matter what the left says.

It is in our hands as patriots to count on our strength as citizens to exercise our God given right to choose the direction of our country. Don’t let the radical left dictate to us. Stand up and be counted as Americans.

It is our duty to speak up for our constitutional right. The First Amendment is our right to keep our republic alive and prospering. This avenue has been in place for the last four years albeit with much distraction. The strength of this avenue has been Donald J. Trump. How he has managed to accomplish all he has only God knows. Keep this momentum moving forward.

Vote for Donald J. Trump for reelection in 2020.

Orolie Gubser

Joseph Robinette Biden Jr.’s biggest obstacle

Since Joe Biden’s nomination for the president of the United States, I have rarely heard anyone on the left state why Biden deserves to be president.

Rather, I only hear about the reasons why Trump is not fit for office along with the abundance of contempt the left has for him. Even in the best laid arguments for welfare or foreign policy, nearly every single Biden pundit mandates the use of Trump’s name in their reasoning to vote for Biden. This strategy will cost Biden the election, and social media is a poignant declaration of that opinion.

On Facebook – the No. 1 social media platform – Trump’s page boasts 30 million “likes,” whereas Biden’s carries nearly 3.2 million.

On their respective YouTube pages, Trump has 1.36 million followers while Joe Biden lists only 271,000.

In fact, the top three most viewed Trump videos account for more than 69 million views whereas Biden’s top three videos equate to a little more than 9 million views. It is especially telling because Trump’s No. 1 video with more than 27 million views does not mention Joe Biden at all. Joe Biden’s No. 1 video depicts Trump within the first four seconds of the ad.

In this day and age where the average attention span is less than 10 seconds, the message of politicians must be direct and exact.

With a quick search of The

White House website, one can see accomplishments from the Trump presidency including just his first two years in office, all of which we are reminded of in every Trump rally or press briefing.

I have watched many Biden rallies and speeches, and I am mostly aware of his crime bill of the 90s and the few things he aided former President Barack Obama with.

Biden continually bashes Trump and fails to remind us of his own successes of the last 47 years. Joe Biden has not campaigned to win the vote, but rather he has campaigned to win a contest of decorum, and it will cost him.

Brandon Hipp

Dear neighbors, friends and the Fallbrook community

I am writing this letter on behalf of Stephani Baxter who is a local candidate running for the Fallbrook Planning Group. When I resigned from the Planning Group in 2019 because of a move out of the area, I made a recommendation for Stephani to be appointed to my seat on the group, which was approved by the group.

Stephani has been active on many organizations and nonprofits in Fallbrook. Those include, for example, The Community Benefit Group, the Fallbrook Planning

Group Parks and Recreation, Live Oak Park Coalition Children’s coordinator which educates 400 to 500 children once a year.

She also is a farmer and business woman in Fallbrook. She has been a member of the Fallbrook Trails Council and secretary for the council. She also has been on the CSA 81 for years as well and she has been a member of the Chamber of Commerce. She has been a Trails and Parks advocate for seven years and believes in the rural atmosphere of Fallbrook.

Volunteerism has been the heart blood of Fallbrook for the 22 years that I participated as a volunteer, and many years before that. If you want a dedicated volunteer to look out for and act on behalf of Fallbrook, Stephani is a great, dedicated candidate.

Please vote for Stephani Baxter for the Fallbrook Planning Group 2020.

Donna Gebhart
Fallbrook Trails Council

Getting it right at home

As a long time resident and former elected member of the Fallbrook Community Planning Group, I care about who will be making the best recommendations for our community to the San Diego Board of Supervisors. I am often asked to give insight and make recommendations for this committee that affects the future of Fallbrook. I dare to do that now.

As always, action speaks

louder than words. I support Stephanie Baxter to fill a seat on this committee. Through her past involvement, she knows the community and will take this work seriously. I also support Colin Stephens.

Those up for reelection have shown theirs colors representing you well. One that must be recognized and reelected is Jack Wood. His leadership as Land

Use Committee Chairman (an extremely important committee) as well as sitting on other committees, prepared him for his current role as Chairman. His knowledge gained and his leadership abilities are invaluable to the meaningful success of the Fallbrook Community Planning Group.

Jackie Heyneman

Kennedy will be a dedicated elected official

What Fallbrook is seeing at this moment is nothing less than history in the making – for the first time ever, folks will have elected officials who represent them in each of the local political offices.

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Real Estate Round-Up: Transactions can be complicated



Kim Murphy
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It’s complicated. Clients have said that about all the paperwork involved in selling or buying real estate for as long as I can remember. Realtors who have been licensed since the 1970s recall the day when the purchase contract was 1 page, then, 2 pages long. That same purchase agreement, with all its addenda, is now 17 pages long. Incorporated into the purchase agreement are forms about wire fraud, consumer protection and fair housing. It seems that as much as technology has eased the process, it has equally opened the door to

things that can go wrong, like wire fraud and consumer exposure. Professional, experienced Realtors are trained to explain the new precautionary addenda and provide you with a road map to understanding and writing an offer that will be accepted by the seller. Realtors have a fiduciary duty to you, and that means that they have an obligation to make sure that you understand your choices, the results of those choices and the most effective way to succeed with your goals. The paperwork can seem complicated, but it is not the only part of the transaction that can be complicated. Many times, complicated transactions are a byproduct of the clients attempting to outsmart the other party. Let me explain. A real estate transaction is like a chess game. The seller and buyer take steps closer to each other with every negotiation. The only difference is there is not a “check-mate” at the end of the process. Or at least there shouldn’t be. We recently had a transaction that on the surface should have been effortless. Seller received \$25,000 more than they wanted. Buyer was putting 22% down and came fully loan approved. Seller was getting a

rent back for 29 days. Buyers were getting some furniture in exchange for rent. This beautiful opportunity should not have been complicated. The seller however, had to dissect the specifics of everything and respond to the buyer so he could “check-mate” every step of the way. Don’t get me wrong, it is your job to understand what you are agreeing to and to ask questions if you don’t. But this complicated negotiation wasn’t about that. Let me start at the beginning. This home was appointed and upgraded to such a high degree that it surpassed everything in the neighborhood. The interior and exterior of the property incorporated fixtures, cabinetry, countertops, and designer appointments that truly made it one of a kind. In an ideal world, the seller was hoping that someone would buy the home and want to purchase all the furnishings, so the wall, ceiling and floor décor could remain. That wasn’t the case, so the negotiations included a 2-page addendum from the seller defining exactly what attached items would remain. Then there was the furniture component. Initially the seller agreed to pay rent that would cover the PITI (principal, interest, taxes and insurance) of the new owner.

When the buyer asked to purchase some of the furniture, the seller decided to use that furniture as payment for the previously agreed to rent. This strategy is often used, but for this seller it felt more like gaining leverage than simply negotiating the trade. It became complicated when it didn’t need to be. There was no septic on the property. The pest repairs were minor. The home inspection called out some minor roof issues, a few unattached roof vents, and some electrical concerns. This should have been easy-peasy. Not to Mr. Seller. Every move requires a counter move, right? It doesn’t have to. But in the case of Mr. Seller, the chess game continued. Instead of just agreeing to have licensed professionals evaluate the requests and either fix or provide an explanation of why the item was not required to be fixed, he chose to not agree to fix the items but to provide a credit to the buyer. The buyer didn’t believe the credit was large enough to cover the repairs, so countered with a higher number. The seller finally acquiesced to giving a credit for the roof repairs in the amount provided on the original request

for repairs and repair the other items. We were back to the original request only it took two weeks to negotiate the back and forth. All of this occurred because the seller wanted to “check-mate” the buyer. The paperwork can seem complicated, but it is not nearly as complicated as the strategy sellers or buyers bring to the transaction. A professional, experienced Realtor can help a client understand the paperwork, but it’s hard to change the style or attitude of the client. A long-term perspective is needed if you want to have a winning experience. Note, I said, winning experience. I didn’t say, if you want to “win.” The long-term perspective is the sale or purchase of a home. The long-term experience is a relaxed, not complicated, transaction. The transaction and experience should leave both buyer and seller feeling like they won. Our goal is that the experience is a win-win transaction.

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PROUD

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from Mexico; I had a little rock and roll band, and so I wanted to go back.” He went back to Mexico in 1964. Before that, in 1963, he had gone to night school to learn English. After going back to Mexico, his mindset changed. “After I was here in the United States seeing a different way of life, and going back to what was to be my future in Mexico—after no more than four months of being there, I said there’s no way that I can live in Mexico, knowing what I have seen in the United States,” Roman said. “So I started planning my way to come back.” He had a business in Mexico and got married in 1967. “I started to go to night school, and I saw I could do practically everything I wanted to do, which

was my dream,” Roman said. “I wanted to be an architect, or something to do with engineering (in Mexico).” He saw that the opportunity, however, was bigger for him in the United States. “I said I’d rather make it here,” Roman said. “And I’m glad I did.” For Ana, her story of coming from Mexico to the United States was quite different. “I was born and raised in Mexico City,” Ana said. She’d come to visit the United States with her parents. At one point, her father asked her and her siblings to study in the United States for at least a year. “We were going to bilingual schools in Mexico, so we were sent to San Francisco to study for one year,” Ana said. Her father was an architect and paid for their tuition. “It was a lot of money, but it was worth it,” she said. It didn’t stop at one year — she attended high

school, and then went on to study at the University of San Diego, where she earned her degree in communications, with a minor in art history. After Ana worked hard to get her visa, she became a green card holder, and she was able to open up a business in San Diego. “We opened an art gallery in La Jolla, me and my siblings and my father helped us, and it was a lot of work,” Ana said. “I was creating, painting, unpacking, curating, selling, promoting, you name it.” They opened a second gallery in Los Angeles and closed the gallery in La Jolla. “We decided to stay in Los Angeles because of the opportunity for our business to promote our artists from Latin America,” Ana said. Roman and Ana first met in February 1996. “I had a construction company in L.A.,” Roman said. “They called me up (and) they wanted to remodel their building.” After speaking with Ana’s sibling, who was one of the business partners, about the job, he finally met Ana one day at the gallery. “She was saying it was love at first sight—I’ll tell you my part,” Roman said. “At that time I’d been divorced for about 12 years and I was engaged to get married to somebody else. She comes in from the back and I’m talking to her sister and I see her—it took me six months to cancel the engagement, and then I asked her out for dinner.”

At dinner, he asked her to marry him. They’ve now been married for almost 23 years; their anniversary is in December. They used to go back to Mexico for vacations, but they’ve stopped going for the past six years. “I knew it was just way too dangerous for me to take my wife and my daughter,” Roman said. “Sometimes there are honest people,” Ana said. “There’s a lot of hard working people that make an honest business and so forth, but then there’s the other side and it’s heartbreaking to see what is happening down there.” Even the way business is done in Mexico is different, according

to Ana. “If you didn’t have the contacts, if you didn’t have a bribe, sometimes you cannot get in, you cannot do things,” Ana said. “It has been ingrained in the culture.” Roman added that he believes it goes back a couple 100 years or so. “You don’t have to go to Africa or other places that they said there’s a lot of poor people living under certain conditions—that’s just across the border,” he said. “Anybody can see it.” “Right now in Mexico, the current president had already announced in one of his morning talks that was a couple of months ago that whatever people own will be divided among everybody,” Ana said, adding that people don’t understand that the current president of Mexico is socialist. “They’re on the brink of becoming communist in Mexico,” Ana said. “The churches are closed; the communications have been totally censored. “Right now there are demonstrations for people standing up for the current president to leave the office of the presidency,” she added. “What is happening in Mexico, people here don’t know.” Ana believes in legal immigration. “I went through the process; it’s doable,” she said. “I am totally for our border. You cannot just allow anybody to come in, especially when they don’t want to assimilate.” Ana is a proud citizen of the United States and doesn’t want her country to change. “We have a covenant—a covenant based on the constitution and based on the republic with God; (it) is the only country in the world that has that covenant — one nation, under God — the covenant of everybody has the same rights,” Ana said. “Those rights are only given in the United States.” In Roman’s 50 years of being in the United States, he’s never felt racism. “If there’s been any discrimination against me, I have never seen it, or felt it,” he said. “I have seen this and heard it many times before that it’s the land of opportunity. Of course it is. Back then when I decided to

come back here, that’s exactly what I felt, that I had the opportunity, and it’s been proven all my life.” Roman added that it’s just hard work, dedication and being honest. “I’ve been stopped by the police literally over 100 times in my life for a ticket, and probably 25 times I’ve been let go without being given a ticket because I had some sort of explanation of why,” he said. “A police officer being rough or disrespectful? I have had that bad experience in Mexico, I can tell you that much.” But not in the United States. For Ana, she believes the rhetoric of racism in the United States has become a way to manipulate and brainwash people to feel something they don’t understand. “What’s at stake in our society today, and this is not just in the United States—every country in the world right now is fighting for their liberty—for their independence from the controlled,” Ana said. “We have seen what this beautiful country that we always have admired and wanted to be part of it when we knew exactly what the law of the land was and still is...that this was a nation under God,” Roman said. “So why are you trying to ignore it or get rid of it?” They are both concerned for the United States. “We are very much concerned that this country will become...like another Venezuela or Cuba; it could even be worse than that because of the power that this country has,” Roman said. “The country has a government that they deserve. So if we do not fight for it, if we do not stand up for it, we’re going to lose our liberties.” Despite everything going on in the United States today, they don’t regret coming here. “I’m in love with the country, I’m in love with this land,” Roman said. “I’m in love obviously with my wife most of all, with all of my children; I couldn’t be more blessed. I’m content I made the right choice by choosing the U.S.A. and I was willing to fight for it.”

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who was investigating Burisma by threatening to withhold a \$1 billion loan that Ukraine needed as they protected themselves from Russia. Now we have not only Schweizer and John Solomon’s books, but Hunter’s emails to prove the corruption and fill in missing details. All of this is worse than Watergate. How would they think they can get away with that? Because politicians have been doing it for a long time. Republicans and Democrats. The Clintons were masters. Hillary would fly around the world as our secretary of state, making deals with kings and countries and huge donations would go into the Clinton Foundation. It became an artform. Biden learned from the best. The saddest thing is that Joe Biden trained his son to be the bag man. Hunter Biden closed the deals

and held the money and whenever Joe Biden wanted a new estate, Hunter Biden would pay for it. We know for sure Joe Biden lied about not knowing what his son was up to. In one of his emails to his daughter, Hunter Biden complained that she would someday have to support this family and unlike his father he wouldn’t demand to receive half her salary. Wow. There were state department employees reporting secret meetings with people from other countries that were not on Joe Biden’s “official” schedule, which were against the law — you don’t put criminal activity on your official schedule. Now those meetings are completely corroborated through the emails. Are the emails real? The emails have had their metadata verified by the experts at The New York Post, the third largest newspaper in the country. It is owned by Rupert Murdoch, a guy with a whole floor of attorneys and experts to verify stories to protect his company against corrupt


government officials or accusations. And wait for it, they are claiming Russian collusion again. Even though it was clearly Hunter Biden’s laptop. They think we are stupid. John Ratcliffe, head of national intelligence, has said there is no evidence that Russia has anything to do with the laptop. Other recipients of the emails have verified that they are real and Hunter’s signature from dropping off the laptop is real. Again Schiff is on TV lying about Russian collusion. It is really unbelievable. At what point are we going to get tired of being lied to? When are we going to stop being gullible, divided and angry and realize we are all on the same team? We have to work together to not let corrupt government officials and politicians ruin our country. The price of liberty is eternal vigilance — from our own politicians and government.

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New York Post releases report on Hunter Biden emails

With the U.S. presidential election only 20 days away, a big October surprise emerged when Hunter Biden's alleged email communications with a Ukraine energy company were exposed by the U.S. media, along with numerous photos and videos of the young Biden. The U.S. Senate has been involved in the investigation.

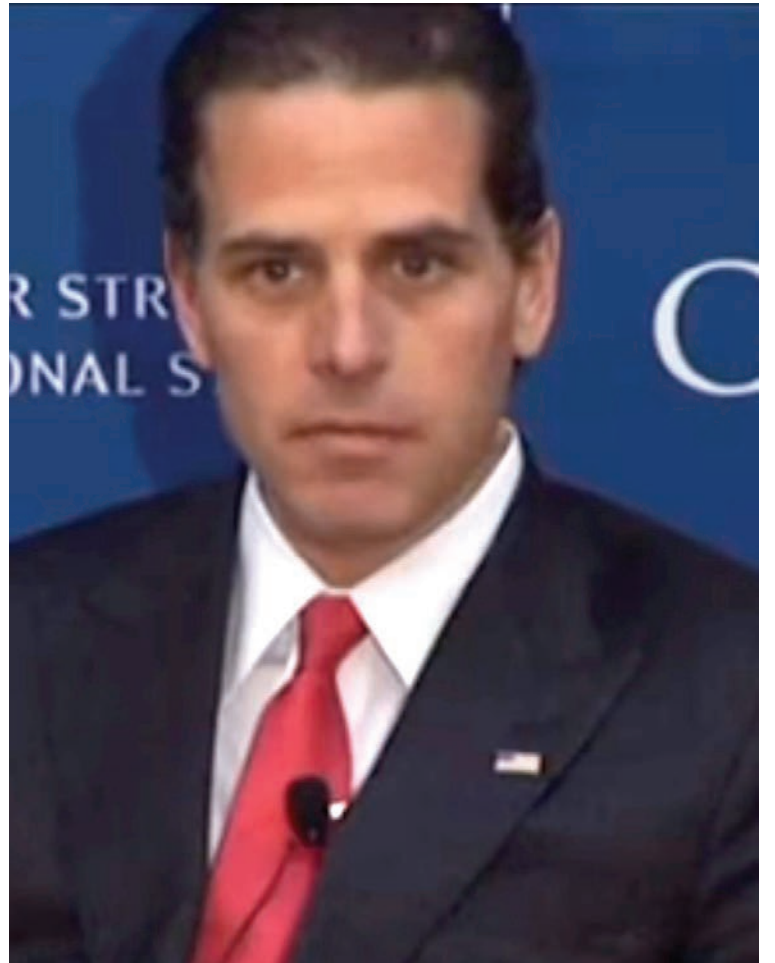
An exclusive report from the New York Post on Wednesday exposed three of Hunter Biden's alleged emails. One of them was dated April 13, 2014, the time frame when Hunter just joined the board of Ukrainian natural gas company Burisma. In an alleged email to the board members of the company, Hunter mentioned his father several times, using Joe Biden's influence to negotiate a higher salary for himself. Hunter's salary at Burisma was reportedly up to \$50,000 a month.

In another alleged email, Vadym Pozharskyi, an adviser to the board of Burisma, asked Hunter for "advice on how you could use your influence" to help the company.

In an email dated April 2015, Pozharskyi thanked Hunter for



Joe Biden



Hunter Biden

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FBI report shows decline in violent crime rate for third consecutive year

WASHINGTON – The Federal Bureau of Investigation, Monday, Oct. 19, released its 2019 edition of "Crime in the United States," which showed that violent crime decreased nationwide for the third consecutive year. After decreases in both 2017 and 2018, the violent crime rate dropped an additional 1% this past year and the property crime rate decreased 4.5%.

Since 1930, the FBI has tracked nationwide data on crimes and publishes its compilation each year. Submitting data to the FBI is a collective effort on the part of city, county, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies to present a nationwide view of crime.

"For the last three years the Department of Justice has worked tirelessly with our federal, state, local, and tribal partners to pursue those violent criminals, cartels, and gangs who seek to harm

our communities," said Deputy Attorney General Jeffrey A. Rosen. "We are steadfast in our commitment to protect the public safety of citizens and communities across the United States through violent crime initiatives like Project Safe Neighborhoods, Project Guardian and, most recently, Operation Legend. Violent crime rates had been increasing during 2015-2016, so I am proud of the hard work by all prosecutors and law enforcement agents across the nation who have reduced violent crime rates during each of the last three years. I look forward to continuing our joint efforts to protect the American public from the violence of criminals."

"I am encouraged by the great work being done by law enforcement to combat violent crime across the nation," said FBI Deputy Director Dave Bowdich. "The FBI continues to make

clear that violence will not be tolerated, and we are committed to continuing our work with state, local, and tribal partners across the country to confront and deter violence, dismantle criminal organizations and gangs, eradicate drug trafficking and bring justice to victims."

This past year, 16,554 law enforcement agencies reported Uniform Crime Report data to the FBI. In 2019, there were an estimated 1,203,808 violent crimes and an estimated violent crime rate of 366.7 violent crimes per 100,000 inhabitants. This represented a 1% decrease from the prior year. The FBI's UCR data indicates that the violent crime rate dropped 0.7% in 2017 and 3.5% in 2018 from the prior years.

In October 2017, the Department of Justice reinvigorated Project Safe Neighborhoods, a crime reduction initiative targeting gun

and gang violence in particular geographic hot spots. Each United States Attorney around the nation, in conjunction with state and local law enforcement, developed a customized strategy to prioritize prosecutions of the most violent criminals in the most dangerous areas in their district and to support locally based prevention and reentry programs to prevent additional violence.

Independent academic research found that PSN successfully reduced violent crime by an average of 4 to 20%, and as high as 42% in some locations.

In November 2019, the Department launched Project Guardian, a comprehensive law enforcement strategy specifically aimed at gun crime. United States Attorney's Offices, coordinating with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and state and local law

enforcement, developed a strategy for coordinating prosecution, enforcing background checks, improving information sharing, coordinating response to mental health denials, and coordinating on crime gun intelligence.

Through violent crime initiatives, the Department charged the largest number of violent crime defendants since the Department began tracking this category more than 25 years ago. The Department has also increased federal firearm prosecutions by 43% in the last three years.

While the downward trends of the past three years are encouraging, the Department remains steadfast in its efforts. On Sept. 15, the FBI published its Preliminary Uniform Crime Report, January – June 2020, which revealed overall declines

see **FBI**, page B-7

OpenTheBooks Oversight Report maps \$2.3 Trillion in federal grants (FY2017–FY2019)

OpenTheBooks.com, a project of American Transparency – a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, nonpartisan charitable organization – released on Sept. 30 their oversight report after auditing the federal government and finding what, in their opinion, is \$2.3 Trillion in wasteful and pork barrel spending.

According to President and CEO Adam Andrzejewski, speaking at a leadership forum at Hillsdale College recently, President Trump's team has taken their report and suggestions and has included them in their budget plan, which no other president since their founding has done.

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Top 10 takeaways

The following 10 takeaways are from a larger report on federal waste, duplication and weird or unnecessary spending of tax dollars that can be found on OpenTheBooks.com.

1. Summary: Federal agencies awarded 1,999,811 grants for \$2.3 trillion (FY2017-FY2019). The average award during this period was \$1,128,088.

2. Pork barrel spenders: Democrats held eight and Republicans held two of the top 10 grant-receiving congressional districts. Among the top 50 grant-receiving districts, the Democrats held 30 seats and Republicans held 20.

3. Waste examples: Hookers For Jesus (\$530,190); space alien detection (\$549,974); tai chi classes in senior centers (\$671,251); a "walk and talk" mobile app for Latinas (\$1.4 million); and creating outdoor gardens at schools (\$1.6 million); taxpayers funded story time at laundromats (\$248,200); webcast-livestreamed eclipses (\$1.9 million); and sex education

for prostitutes in Ethiopia (\$2.1 million).

4. Top agencies: Department of Health and Human Services distributed \$1.5 trillion in grants – which was approximately seven of every \$10. Twenty-one other agencies awarded \$1 billion in grants.

5. United Nations: 59 agencies and entities of the U.N. received \$11.8 billion in grants from nine federal agencies during the three-year period.

6. World Health Organization received an increase in funding during the first three-years of the Trump administration (2017-2019) versus the first-three years of the Obama second-term (2013-2015): \$1.4 billion versus \$1.1 billion (inflation adjusted).

7. Ivy League, Inc.: The eight Ivies received \$9.8 billion in federal grants despite having a collective endowment of \$140 billion – which was up \$20 billion since 2016.

8. Fortune 100: 10 companies received a combined \$271.5 million in federal grants (2017-2019). The top companies

included General Electric (\$114.5 million), United Technologies (\$51.9 million), and Boeing Co. (\$27.4 million). Collectively, these three companies spent \$174 million lobbying Congress (2014-2017).

9. Top for-profits: The top receiver was Amtrak (\$5 billion). Amtrak's revenues were \$10.2 billion; therefore, federal grants comprised half of all revenues (2017-2019).

10. Economic subsidy (per capita): Washington D.C. received more than \$58,000 per person, followed by Alaska (\$17,639), New York (\$10,987), Vermont (\$10,240), and New Mexico (\$9,944). Despite the claim "taxation without representation," DC certainly gets a lot of grants.

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Anderson to return to Bonsall Unified District 3 seat



Larissa Anderson is running unopposed for the Village News/Courtesy photo
Bonsall Unified School District Board of Trustees District 3 seat.

Jeff Pack
Staff Writer

After the Nov. 3 election, Larissa Anderson will be seated in the District 3 seat of the Bonsall Unified High School District Board of Trustees due to the fact that she’s running unopposed for the seat.

Anderson and unopposed District 5 candidate Eric Ortega were sent questions by Village News so that readers could get a little more insight into the candidates that will be filling BUHSD seats in the near future.

Ortega did not respond to the questions prior to the press deadline, but his answers will be included in future editions of the newspaper if he responds.

What inspired you to run for the board seat?

Anderson: “Be the change

you wish to see in the world.” I have a deep love for my Bonsall community, and I am a proponent of the power of public education. I was first elected as a BUSD Trustee in 2018, assuming the seat vacated by Dr. “Grandma” Tucker after her 22-year tenure. I offer a contemporary strategic vision to serve our student families, teachers, administrators, and staff. I believe that schools are an essential cornerstone of civilized society, and I am committed to positively propelling the district forward for another four years.

Why do you feel you are uniquely qualified to represent your district?

Anderson: I am a lifelong learner and enthusiastic education advocate. I have been extremely active in local schools since 2004. I graduated from UCSD, hold

an MSBA from SDSU and am a successful businesswoman across multiple sectors, and in particular, internet-based technology. Local volunteer leadership includes Bonsall Education Foundation, PTA, National Charity League, Girl Scouts, BHS PiNG, and The Parent Connection. I am the chair of American Association of University Women Tech Trek supporting STEM opportunities for Bonsall/Fallbrook girls. I am a dedicated, detail-oriented leader and an early adopter of educational innovation. My daughter proudly graduated with the Bonsall High School Class of 2019 and currently attends UC Berkeley.

What are the top issues facing the district in the coming years?

Anderson: The policies in response to the novel coronavirus have impacted life around the globe, and school shutdowns, in particular, will have dramatic long-reaching consequences. As Cara Starkweather, the BUSD California School Employees Association representative stated at the Oct. 14 board meeting in anticipation of in-person learning to resume on Oct. 19, “it has been a long summer since our schools closed to students on March 13.”

Long-term equitable access to public education in California has been drastically impacted and distance learning has generally been ill received. Technology is a double-edge sword. Many applications accessible to the youth are designed to be addictive and screen time for activities counterproductive to health/learning/productivity is alarmingly high before adding hundreds of required daily instructional minutes via zoom and other online platforms.

Virtual education is an effective model for only a minority subset of the population, not to mention economically unfeasible for many families. Rady Children’s health experts have been clamoring that the COVID-19 emergency modifications have been deleterious to our youth as we witness dramatic rises in drug use, self-harm, and crimes against children with schools closed to in-person learning.

Regardless, as we bridge technology divides, remote learning will likely remain a viable and important educational

innovation, especially for older grade levels. There are many paradigm shifts as work/life balance with the aid of connected devices is reimagined in society at large. In order to effectively compete with school choice, multiple learning modalities will become the norm.

However, budgets are designated at the state level even while school districts have local control for staffing and programs. California was already in the bottom of the U.S. list of funding per student long before the pandemic. While most families believe more money will be required to effectively support educational programs with enhanced technology, there are some tax payers who think teachers and facilities can simply be replaced with asynchronous learning modules on tablets in students’ hands.

Ultimately, enrollment (and associated funding) will be impacted by the ability of district administrators and teachers to meet the educational needs of student families in a post-COVID world.

What are three things you would like to accomplish or shore up with the district?

Anderson: BUSD must offer an educational environment in which every student has opportunity for success. This requires:

- Rich interactive curriculum with Advanced Placement and Career + Technical Education Pathways
 - Active support for our teachers and staff
 - Safe and engaging K-12 campuses and virtual learning options
 - Access to art, music and PE/sports with joint-use community facilities
- Since I assumed office in 2018, BUSD has been actively refreshing the curriculum. The Ed. Services Department has adopted a new Language Arts program for this year and is currently in the process of forming pilot teams from each of the K-8 schools to select, pilot, and purchase new Math and Science curriculum for implementation in the next two years.
- The high school students have access to extensive college level courses through a strategic partnership with Palomar College which I would like to see expanded. I am a huge proponent of advanced learning opportunities for challenges beyond grade level expectations to “Empower all students to achieve their maximum learning potential.”
- I look forward to renewed collaborative leadership and support for Bonsall as a unified district serving PreK to 12th grade students. To that end, the facilities for grades 6-12 need to be bolstered. Currently, Sullivan Middle School and Bonsall High School share a 17-acre parcel

on Lilac to serve nearly 1000 students.

The newer two-story building housing the high school students was always slated to replace the aging SMS portables. Regardless of the rise of virtual learning for core subjects potentially decreasing the number of students on campus daily, the fabric of humanity is enhanced by the arts, sports and special learning projects which generally require facilities and materials.

Childhood obesity is rising at an alarming rate and 70% of the U.S. population is considered overweight. Obesity leads to the exact comorbidities linked to poor outcomes of COVID-19 (hypertension, diabetes, etc.). I would like to see physical education become a stronger priority for BUSD students (and staff) with additional opportunities for programs and sports that encourage motion for both immediate and long-term health.

We should absolutely worry about the repercussions of shut-downs to healthy movement, especially as those with the means to adapt to restrictions will do so, and those who do not will become increasingly unhealthy and resentful of the lack of access to places and programs. The greatest health crisis of our lifetime is NOT the novel coronavirus, but obesity.

What do you bring to the board personally or professionally that is currently lacking or will add to the board in your opinion?

Anderson: I am extremely vested in making sure Bonsall offers programs, facilities, and opportunities to support a vibrant multi-generational community. To that end, I am a local land-use expert as I am also a Bonsall Community Sponsor Group board member and liaison to BUSD. I have considerable knowledge on upcoming developments and the anticipated impact to the schools; this includes 396 new homes in the already approved Ocean Breeze Ranch plan for Lilac Road.

I have experience with precinct data and am able to assist with the required updates to the BUSD Trustee area map once the Census 2020 has been counted.

I am the only woman on the board. As a mother of teenagers who have been enrolled in Bonsall and other district schools, I keenly understand the needs and expectations of parents/guardians and personally know how BUSD compares to neighboring districts.

All pre K-12th grade Bonsall students deserve to have the best teachers, curriculum, extracurriculars, and facilities. Great schools equal great neighborhoods (and property values)!

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U.S. Attorney’s office announces resources for reporting election fraud

City News Service

The local U.S. Attorney’s Office announced Monday, Oct. 19, that one of its prosecutors will oversee efforts to handle complaints of voting rights abuses and election fraud in the Southern District of California, which includes San Diego County.

Assistant U. S. Attorney Christopher P. Tenorio has been appointed to serve as the District Election Officer for the region. Tenorio will oversee local reports of potential election fraud and voting rights violations through Election Day, in consultation with Justice Department headquarters in Washington, D.C.

“Every citizen must be able to vote without interference or discrimination,” U.S. Attorney Robert Brewer said. “The Department of Justice is committed to protecting the integrity of the election process, stopping fraud, and making sure votes are

not stolen.”

Tenorio will be on duty when the polls are open, according to the U.S. Attorney’s Office, and members of the public can reach him by calling 619-909-7556.

Additionally, the FBI will have special agents and an Election Crimes Coordinator available in field offices throughout the country to hear reports of potential fraud and other crimes related to the election. The public can contact the San Diego FBI at 858-320-1800.

Any cases of violence or active intimidation should be reported by calling 911, however.

Brewer said, “Ensuring free and fair elections depends in large part on the cooperation of the American electorate. It is imperative that those who have specific information about discrimination or election fraud make that information available to my office, the FBI or the Civil Rights Division.”

Schwartz challenging Waldron for 75th State Assembly seat

Jeff Pack
Staff Writer

Democrat Kate Schwartz and Republican incumbent Marie Waldron are vying for the California State Assembly District 75 seat on Nov. 3.

Waldron, prior to her election to the seat in 2012, served on the City of Escondido City Council for more than a decade. Waldron currently serves as the State Assembly minority leader and has done so for the past two years.

Schwartz has been a Behavioral Health Care Provider for the past 35 years and currently serves on the Fallbrook Regional Health District Board.

Waldron and Schwartz were provided the same questions to answer by Village News and these are their responses:

Due to COVID-19, the district is understandably struggling on several levels. How do you intend to lead your constituents through this and how do you help them recover?

Waldron: Recognizing there is a strong balance between safety and supporting our economic recovery, I am working every day to ensure we can open our economy safely while advocating and voting for funding to help maintain stability in paycheck protection, for small businesses and in education, health care and especially mental health services.

I have been working directly with the governor's office and have joined with 11 other western states in a joint bipartisan letter for federal funding to enable the state to avoid catastrophic cuts to education, public safety services, fire protection and medical-cal.

Maintaining budget stability is critical and I have only supported funding necessary expenditures that keep public safety, health care, education and infrastructure operating.

My district office continues to respond to requests from constituents regarding accessing services or getting answers or assistance from state agencies. I have been working diligently to keep working with the health data we receive daily to advocate for safe reopening of our counties to get people back to work and our kids back to school.

Schwartz: In my capacity as a director for the Fallbrook Regional Health District, I have already been working to assist our communities by ensuring we offer residents and businesses face masks and offer businesses safe reopening kits. We have increased emergency funding for our food banks, senior services, Boys and Girls Club and urgent care services.

My campaign has also been hosting regular virtual town halls updating constituents on the pandemic and available resources.

We cannot have an economic recovery without a Public Health recovery. In the State Assembly, I would favor funding a contact tracing workforce, continued and ongoing expansion of Telemedicine to provide increased access to health care in a safe manner, prioritizing PPE and labor protections for essential workers, and maintaining food supply chains for vulnerable populations.

I would advocate for further development and availability of personal rapid testing. And I would promote tax incentives for employers to continue expansion of remote work opportunities. In addition, our Governor has signed legislation to create pharmaceutical manufacturing in our state, and I would advocate for North County as the location for these new jobs, particularly with the biotech industry already well-established in San Diego County.

The truth is, this year has been traumatically stressful for all of us, and I would use my decades of experience working in mental health to listen and communicate clearly and frequently with constituents about the public health crisis and resources available to them.

I believe with steady, visible, active, and engaged leadership which demonstrates competence and concern, a public official can improve the lives of their constituents before passing any legislation.

How would you help business owners endure and recover from this pandemic?

Waldron: As a small-business owner for 25 years, I understand how government action, inaction



Democrat Kate Schwartz is running for the California State Assembly District 75 seat.

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and regulation can take its toll. Because of my experience, I was appointed and serve on the Governor's Task Force for Economic Recovery and the Small Business Subcommittee to work on recommendations to the Governor's office and GoBiz regarding safely and quickly developing programs and incentives for business to safely open. The key to getting our economy back is supporting businesses – especially small businesses that provide most of the jobs in our state.

Schwartz: I've been walking the Main Streets of our district and meeting with small-business owners. The turnover and closures of local businesses is yet another layer of the devastation this pandemic has caused for our district, and across our nation. We have to keep in mind that this pandemic is not isolated to Main Street, Fallbrook, this is the worst global public health crisis in a century. The economic damage is far greater than what Sacramento is capable of addressing. Without robust federal stimulus, there is no assured recovery for small businesses.

The pandemic put a hold on many things, but we cannot let people trying to make an honest living and run their own business suffer because of events vastly out of their control. I would strongly advocate for small business relief and hold our Federal Administration and U.S. Senate accountable to pass additional stimulus legislation immediately.

This money would be used for mortgage relief for landlords whose business and residential tenants are unable to pay their rents, expanding the tax credits for small businesses that hire new employees, and funding the Small Business Loan Guarantee Program.

I would follow and implement policies of the CA Task Force on business and jobs recovery, led by our current and former governors, as well as our CA global business leaders, CEOs, union representatives, economists, former Federal Reserve Chairs and other business and economy experts.

What is your stance on how the state/governor/health department has handled the COVID-19 pandemic until this point?

Waldron: In the beginning of our crisis, we did not know what we were dealing with. Precautions were taken. Since then I believe the governor and health department have been slow to react to science and to safely reopen our economy. Issues with school openings and uncertainty for parents has been tantamount. I have called for better communication.

The Employment Development Department has been a major failure amid the pandemic and over a million Californians have still not received unemployment benefits. My office has helped thousands of constituents get help with EDD, which is the No. 1 complaint. The DMV shut down and canceled appointments at the beginning of the crisis, and finally were forced to modernize and accept online transactions. This government's slow response is unacceptable.

In fact, I have authored two pieces of legislation in past years to modernize California government, including the DMV, EDD and Dept. of Healthcare services, which died in committee but could

have prevented a myriad problems exacerbated with the pandemic if these modernization protocols had been implemented in the past couple of years.

Schwartz: Any criticism of any governor must be put in a context that recognizes the catastrophic failure of the federal government to respond to what is a global crisis. State governments are limited in their abilities to fund emergency responses and issue stimulus money to businesses the way Congress can.

We would all be in better and more stable economic standing right now if the Senate had passed either of the House's proposals for another round of stimulus, and if the current administration had handled this public health crisis responsibly and immediately.

Regarding California's response to the pandemic, I would point out a stellar performance in communicating and educating the public on a regular and consistent basis. I believe our state could have improved specifically in areas regarding our contact tracing operations, and most tragically, our Employment Development Department's inability to properly process unemployment claims in order to provide timely benefits.

Governor Newsom inherited an unfortunate situation in which in 2011 Governor Brown, in an effort to balance our state budget, defunded a \$200 million state emergency preparedness effort, which included emergency mobile hospitals and surge capacity stockpiles of medical gear, created in 2006 by Governor Schwarzenegger. I will advocate that our emergency preparedness stockpiles will never again be defunded.

Given what many consider to be an unstable political and social climate in our communities, how can you best make an impact for the constituents of District 75 in leadership?

Waldron: I continue to work on solving issues that affect my constituents. As mentioned above, my office helped thousands of constituents get responses from EDD, and I have been actively working and passing legislation on wildfire funding and protections and expanding mental health access.

The biggest problems we face in our state require bipartisan solutions. I work across the aisle to ensure workable ideas and efficiencies can become a reality to help our residents. Big issues like wildfire protection, rolling blackouts (PSPS events), health care and education need deliberate and nonpolitical solutions. These policy discussions are a strong point for me as I have worked hard to build relationships with colleagues who share concern on these issues regardless of party affiliation.

Schwartz: Let's start by recognizing the instability is



Republican incumbent Marie Waldron is running for reelection to the California State Assembly District 75 seat.

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caused by our government's fundamental failing to meet the needs of its constituents. People feel like their voices go unheard, because their elected officials are not listening to them over the noise of bickering politicians and corporate interests. I do not take corporate money, so I will be able to spend my time engaging, listening and working for my constituents.

By comparison our current representative has been more engaged with corporate backers rather than present and available to constituents.

People are also concerned about the future of the country because our president demonstrated a lack of leadership with impulsive, divisive and inflammatory behavior for four years. People are concerned when they see the occupant of the highest office of the most powerful country of all time refer to Neo-Nazis as "fine people."

As elected leaders, we must call out all hate as unacceptable, and all violence against others as criminal. As we are under attack from an invisible virus, over which we have experienced little control, the temptation to lash out at one another surfaces, and our leadership has fanned the flames of hatred, divisiveness and tribalism. We are better than this.

As a member of the State Assembly, I'll hold town halls, host community discussions, and offer resources on addressing hate. This country was founded in rebellion against tyranny and religious intolerance, we must continue to stride toward fully realized freedom for our neighbors regardless of their skin color, gender, sexuality, or religion.

As a proud Jewish woman, I understand that anti-Semitism is interconnected with other forms of hate and discrimination. If the government or individuals can harm me because I am Jewish without recourse, they will feel empowered to also harm my Christian, Muslim, Black or Latino neighbors.

What qualifications or personality/intellectual traits do you have that make you appropriate or the right person for the job?

Waldron: As a small-business owner and mom who has also served in local government, I feel I am uniquely qualified to address the real life issues we face in state government. Having served as a city councilmember in Escondido for 14 years, I have broad experience in working in a nonpartisan manner to address issues affecting the lives of our citizens.

Land use planning, public safety, infrastructure (roads, sewers, water) and regional issues (transportation management, intergovernmental relations, regional planning) were all areas I worked in.

My work and commitment to health care access has made me a leader in advocacy in this space. This year I was named "Mental Health Champion" by the Steinberg Institute on Mental Health, and I have extensive experience serving on Assembly Health committee for several years, my work on the Bipartisan Mental Health caucus, as vice chair of the Select Committee on Health Access in High Risk Communities and as one of only two Assemblymember to serve on the Stanford Initiative, bringing together researchers and policymakers to address addiction and the brain.

This background is so helpful in being able to jump in and roll up my sleeves to work on the issues our state faces while still representing the constituents of the 75th Assembly district.

Schwartz: I am uniquely qualified for this position because, as a public health professional with 35 years of experience, I will not get lost in the abstraction of our state government and forget about the faces and the places in our district.

I too am sick and tired of politicians bickering while regular people are suffering and being endlessly buffeted by our partisan and toxic government. I want to raise expectations in our district for how present and dedicated their elected officials can be to serving and advocating for them. I've been advocating for them for 35 years.

I lost my husband to cancer because in our health care system, the HMO was making the decisions, rather than the provider. I lost my husband because the HMO refused to provide a CT scan for over a year, claiming it was unnecessary. So for the cost of a CT scan, I lost my husband, my son lost his father, and students lost their teacher. I became a widow, a single parent, and I worked two jobs to keep a roof over our heads.

As difficult as that time in my life was, I know there are millions of Californians who are hurting much worse right now; who don't have access to health care, housing, jobs and education; and I'm ready to work with them to fulfill the American promise and provide a secure future and the opportunities for success we all deserve.

I have had countless face-to-face conversations with my clients, I have been doing the work on the ground for decades. Meanwhile, our incumbent has never held public town halls, canceled the only forum we had scheduled before voting started, and simply appears as if she's afraid to be held accountable to her constituents for her voting record. Actions do speak much louder than words. I am prepared to work with the people of AD 75 to confront the public health, economic and environmental crises we face. It is time for change in our region. We can do better than this.

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A simple idea for relief from quarantining



Neighborhood resident Sandra Kopitzke and her Gin ‘N Tonix quartet practice singing while the neighbors practice social distancing. Village News/Courtesy photos

Dolly Harty
Special to Village News

I live in a little neighborhood that surrounds the new Monserate Winery. Over my 19 years of living in this neighborhood, I have managed to collect almost 100 email addresses. I used them in the beginning to get word out about Save Gird Valley. But once that was over, I mainly used it to help people find a plumber, electrician, home keeper, or a lost dog.

Sometimes I sent messages about new businesses in town opening, urging their support. It was not an open forum type thing, just me kind of helping when and where I could and keeping neighbors connected.

But when COVID-19 hit, not much emailing was going on. So, after being quarantined in our homes from the beginning of March until April 4, I got an idea.

We had many walkers in our neighborhood, so I suggested we all take a walk on Saturday night from 4-5, masked, or sit in your front yard, and let’s just say “hi” to each other. Get out of the house and feel some personal interaction. It went over so well that we named it the “Saturday Night Social Distancing Happy Hour.”

We have continued that Saturday Night Social Distancing Happy Hour every Saturday since.

On the second Saturday night, John Garrett decided singing with his guitar was his way to say hi to everyone walking by. John became so popular that soon people walked to his house just to hear him sing. Some nights another neighbor, Daryl Bickley, joined him. Saturday night became a welcomed event.

Soon we had children coming and lots of dogs. John was so excited to have such an appreciative audience, he started taking requests, and practicing all



During the Saturday Night Social Distancing Happy Hour, neighbors walk their dogs and take their children out for exercise while visiting each other at a distance.

week for Saturday night.

John and his family have always been involved in the music business, but John made a decision early in his life that he didn’t want the “celebrity style” of life. So, he only did small gigs. But to be able to play to a neighborhood audience every night has brought a new light and joy to John.

Sandra Kopitzke also lives in our neighborhood and sings locally with the Gin ‘N Tonix quartet. COVID stalled their engagements, so Sandra thought “let’s have a

practice session in our driveway.” That drew quite the crowd. So, they did it a second time several weeks later! Social distancing and with masks.

Since all this began, John says he knows more people in our neighborhood now than ever before. People are waving to him every time he drives out. Sandra has started a little neighborhood choir group from just the little ones in our neighborhood.

I can tell from the signs in our neighborhood that we have



John Garrett plays his guitar and sings for his neighbors during their Saturday Night Social Distancing Happy Hour.

different political views, but that does not stop us from joining together once a week to celebrate life, freedom and good neighbors. I am proud to live in this

neighborhood, and just wanted to share with others what it’s like to live in this Friendly Village during a pandemic.



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Kennedy vying for District 1 NCFPD director seat



David Kennedy is running to fill the District 1 seat on the North County Fire Protection District's Board of Directors.

Jeff Pack
Staff Writer

David Kennedy had a good reason to narrowly miss a deadline with Village News to submit his Q&A answers to the paper prior to our print press deadline – he was fighting fires in Northern California.

The veteran Vista fire captain is one of two on the ballot to serve on the North County Fire Protection District Board of Directors in District 1 – the other candidate being Lee J. De Meo, who most recently has served as a trustee on the Fallbrook Union High School District Board of Trustees.

Both De Meo and Kennedy were

sent the same questions by Village News so that readers could get a little more insight into each of the candidates and their priorities.

Why do you feel you are uniquely qualified to represent your district on the NCFPD board?

Kennedy: I believe what uniquely qualifies me to represent District 1 is my 13 years as a Fire Captain in the City of Vista where I worked closely with the North County Fire Protection District, my many years on California Task Force 8 USAR team, and my record of collaborating with community groups such as Fallbrook A Votar, V.O.C.E.S, and the Fallbrook

Firefighters Association.

Measure A not passing was a huge blow to the district. How can you help guide the district through future funding issues?

Kennedy: You're right, the failure of Measure A was a tough loss for our community, as well as, the district. However, I believe that through a collaborative effort we can re-evaluate the current financial philosophies used by the district to come up with a long-term solution to address our aging fire stations, while still providing a level of service that our community heavily depends on.

What are the top three issues facing the district in the coming years?

Kennedy: In talking with the members of our community I believe that the top three issues facing the district are: the rapid increase in 911 call volume, proximity to a hospital, and catastrophic wildland fires.

What are three things you would like to accomplish or shore up with the district if you are elected?

Kennedy: Three goals I plan to accomplish are: Prioritize the safety of the community by ensuring that the necessary amount of firefighter paramedics are staffed daily, improve the districts communication and relationship with the community to adequately address their needs, and create a long term solution for the aging infrastructure of the district.

What do you bring to the board personally or professionally that is currently lacking or will add to the board in your opinion?

Kennedy: While I will rely heavily on my 13 years of experience as a Fire Captain and Firefighter Paramedic, it is actually the relationships I have built in this community that will provide the best foundation for me to serve as your District 1 Board Member. It is only through community collaboration that any board member can adequately serve. Collaboration with the Fire Chief, collaboration with the Firefighters Union, and most importantly, the collaboration with our community that I strive to serve.

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New economic forecast is both upbeat and cautionary

The California labor market is recovering but rate of job growth has slowed

Victoria Pike Bond
Special to Village News

The United States economy is bouncing back rapidly from the severe and unprecedented pandemic-driven downturn that began early this year, according to a new economic forecast released Oct. 13 at the 11th annual Inland Empire Economic Forecast Conference.

Despite the alarming and record-breaking decline in economic output that occurred in the second quarter, and the ongoing painful effects of the COVID-19 epidemic itself, the

economy remains fundamentally strong, and in many ways is already rebounding.

“The United States hit its low point in the current downturn back in April, and since that time the nation’s economy has been moving back toward more normal levels of economic output,” said Christopher Thornberg, director of the UC Riverside School of Business Center for Economic Forecasting and one of the report authors. “As odd as it may sound, technically, this recession is over, making it the deepest, but shortest in U.S. history.”

Thornberg emphasizes that

this does not mean harsh recessionary effects are not still being felt, especially among some industries and individuals, but that everything from the unemployment rate to the rate of job recovery to consumer spending indicate that the economy is growing.

Moreover, as spending has been curtailed for the past seven months, the ‘fuel’ that has built up in the form of increased wealth and savings is waiting to set off a vigorous expansion once the virus is controlled.

Despite the ostensible contradiction of a deep, short

recession, the new forecast argues that as dramatically bad as the second quarter numbers were, the pandemic-driven shocks to the economy were largely transitory and not based on any fundamental financial or economic imbalance.

Today, the share of the U.S. labor force that is truly unemployed (meaning workers who have permanently lost their jobs or are actively looking for new work) stands at just under 5%, significantly lower than the 8% plus rate seen at the peak of the Great Recession. Workers who consider themselves temporarily laid off make up about 3% of the current U.S. unemployed workforce.

The new forecast includes outlooks for the U.S., California, and Inland Empire economies. Across geographies, the forecasts are relatively rosy but come with a key caveat: Full recovery and resumption of economic activity/output is firmly dependent on containing the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Select key findings:

The underlying strength of the U.S. economy at the start of the pandemic has been excessively reinforced by the federal government’s \$3 trillion stimulus plan. Lost economic activity in the first half of 2020 stands at approximately \$600 billion, 20% of the size of the stimulus package.

Total personal income in the United States has actually increased during the course of the pandemic as spending has fallen. That has caused consumer savings to shoot up to almost \$1.2 trillion, four times what it was in the fourth quarter of 2019.

The California labor market continues to recover from the effects of the pandemic although the rate of job growth has slowed in the months since June’s strong bounce when 558,200 positions were added back into the economy. The slowing

rate is due in large part to the reimplementation of business closures and restraints as a result of the virus resurging.

As health-mandated restrictions in the state continue, cities in California that rely heavily on tourism/visitors and the transient occupancy tax, will experience real hardship due to revenue losses.

As of this writing, the cities in California with the largest job losses are Santa Cruz (-14.7%), San Luis Obispo (-13.3%), Salinas (-12.4%), and Oakland-Hayward-Berkeley (12.2%). Three out of four of these locations are home to major universities and, as instruction has moved online, they have felt a distinct impact from the lack of student spending at local and surrounding businesses.

The Inland Empire’s labor market continues to steadily recover from the pandemic, adding 74,700 jobs since April’s lows. Still, on an annual basis, year-over-year employment has fallen by 132,900 jobs. The region is outpacing the state in terms of job recovery but trailing the nation.

Not surprisingly, the sectors experiencing the largest job losses in the Inland Empire are Leisure and Hospitality, Retail Trade, Other Services (includes hair and nail salons), Manufacturing and Government. Once the virus is controlled, however, these sectors are expected to ramp up production to meet surging consumer demand.

The 11th annual Inland Empire Economic Forecast Conference was held virtually Oct. 13. A copy of the forecast book can be downloaded in its entirety at <https://conference.economicforecasting.org/>.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Fallbrook Music Society presents world music with Quarteto Nuevo

FALLBROOK – Continuing its Classical Sundays format, Fallbrook Music Society presented a one-of-a-kind ensemble, Quarteto Nuevo, beginning Sunday, Oct. 27, at 3 p.m.

Winners of the Beverly Hills National Auditions competition, Quarteto Nuevo merges western classical, eastern European folk, Latin and jazz with razor-sharp precision.

Headlined by Fallbrook favorite, Damon Zick on soprano saxophone, the ensemble melds the music of ancient worlds, contemporary cultures and the more well-known classical styles.

“The goal of Fallbrook Music Society is to build new audiences and reach music lovers of all genres,” Ann Murray, executive director of Fallbrook Music Society, said. “The board and I are especially thrilled to have Quarteto Nuevo returning to our concert season, as these musicians will be performing an extensive repertoire spanning contemporary jazz, contemporary classical and more traditional arrangements.”

The performance can be viewed online at any time at <http://FallbrookMusicSociety.org>.

Quarteto Nuevo consists of four members, Damon Zick on soprano saxophone, Kenton Youngstrom on acoustic guitar, Jacob Szekely on cello and Felipe Fraga on percussion. Individually, each musician is a distinguished soloist and chamber music artist who regularly performs with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, L.A. Opera, Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, Long Beach Opera and The UCLA World Jazz Ensemble, just to name a few.

They have appeared in and on recordings for Dave Brubeck, Falla Guitar Trio, John Tesh and pop star Ellie Goulding, among others.

“Quarteto Nuevo is one of the most diverse ensembles that we’ve ever presented and not surprisingly, they will be delivering one of our most unique programs to date,” Murray said. “This concert will be especially fun for those who are interested in a more contemporary classical sound.”

The diverse program repertoire includes selections like Histoire du Tango from Astor Piazzolla, Mark O’Connor’s Appalachia Waltz and Milcho Leviev’s Woman’s Dance, among other works.

More information is available through <http://FallbrookMusicSociety.org> or by calling Fallbrook Music Society at 760-451-8644.

Submitted by Fallbrook Music Society.



In Quarteto Nuevo includes, from left, Felipe Fraga on percussion, Jacob Szekely on cello, Damon Zick on soprano saxophone and Kenton Youngstrom on acoustic guitar. Village News/Courtesy photo

Theater online with North Coast Rep

Elizabeth Youngman-Westphal
Special to Village News

Two terrific shows are now available to view online. How do I know they’re terrific? It happens they are from two very creative places.

David Ellenstein is back in the director’s chair with North Coast Repertory’s newest show “Same Time, Next Year.”

Written by Bernard Slade and first produced on Broadway in the 70s followed by a wildly successful movie, Slade is also the creator of television’s long running series “The Partridge Family.”

Accidentally meeting at an inn in Northern California, the enlightening banter between George, played by Bruce Turk, and Doris, played by Katie MacNichol, develops into ongoing experiences they share with the audience.

Get your tickets in advance at <http://www.northcoastrep.org> and wait for the link to be sent to your email. You’ll be glad you did. The play opened Oct. 21 and runs until Nov. 15.

North Coast Repertory Theatre adheres to the SAG/AFTRA ruling of safe distancing by booking this dynamic husband/wife duo to play the parts.

Also running currently is “Roosevelt: Charge the Bear” starring Phil Johnson as Teddy Roosevelt. It is bound to be a hoot to watch. I know I can barely wait. Get your link at <http://www.theroustabouts.org> before Nov. 2.

Elizabeth Youngman-Westphal can be reached by email at eyoungman@reedemedia.com.



Katie MacNichol as Doris and Bruce Turk as George toast each other during a once a year meeting in “Same Time, Next Year.” Village News/Aaron Rumley photo

Wreaths Across America Radio to air holiday greetings from deployed troops

COLUMBIA FALLS, Maine – During a time of year when families have empty seats at their tables, and deployed troops are missing home, Wreaths Across America Radio airs messages from troops from across the country and overseas and encourages folks at home, to send a holiday greeting to them in the form of an internet radio greeting.

The “Holiday Greetings” program provides American military families and civilians the opportunity to extend holiday greetings and thanks to service members and veterans through our international internet radio station at <https://www.wreathsassamerica.org/radio> or use the hashtag #WreathsRadio. Last year, messages connected many families from all over the globe. Be sure to email your friends and loved ones and let them know about this program.

“The United States currently has 1.3 million active duty members, reservists and guards serving within our borders and abroad. Additionally, more than 24 million veterans have faithfully served our country in the past,” Karen Worchester, executive director of Wreaths Across America, said. “I am honored and thrilled to be able to offer these soldiers and their families the opportunity to share their Holiday greetings on air. It’s especially important for sharing love and support for their sacrifices at this special time of the year.”

Anyone can participate by calling 833-369-1351 to record a short holiday greeting. Wreaths Radio will play Holiday Greetings on-air during the holidays to help bring families, loved ones, members of our military and American’s closer together for the holiday season. These special Messages will be broadcast between Nov. 23 and Dec. 31.

Wreaths Across America Radio was founded in 2014 as a 24/7 internet stream. Its unique format offers a mix of country, rock, bluegrass and Americana music interwoven with informational and inspiring content about members of the U.S. armed forces, their families, military veterans and volunteers throughout the country and overseas who support the nonprofits’ mission to remember, honor and teach.

You can sponsor a wreath for \$15 at <https://www.wreathsassamerica.org/>. Each sponsorship goes toward a fresh balsam veteran’s wreath that will be placed on the headstone of an American hero as we endeavor to honor all veterans laid to rest Saturday, Dec. 19, as part of National Wreaths Across America Day.

Fallbrook’s Masonic Cemetery is one of the participating locations.

Wreaths Across America is the nonprofit organization best known for placing veterans’ wreaths on the headstones of our nation’s fallen at Arlington National Cemetery. However, the organization, in total, places more than 2.2 million sponsored wreaths at over 2200 participating locations nationwide and offers other programs throughout the calendar year.

These programs include The Mobile Education Exhibit, Wreaths Across America Radio and the Wreaths Across America Virtual Concert now streaming on Showcase NOW.

Submitted by Wreaths Across America.

Blanket Project supports animal sanctuary fundraiser



Fallbrook Blanket Project President Carmen Willard, left, and Laura Turley Denny, co-chair of the Christmas Store, display the star-shaped blanket that will be in the store’s silent auction to benefit the Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary. Village News/Felix Alcorn photo

FALLBROOK – The Fallbrook Blanket Project supported the Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary by donating a star-shaped Christmas hand-crocheted blanket to be in a silent auction at their fundraising Christmas Store.

The store, located near Major Market on Main Avenue, will be open from Nov. 7 through Dec. 29, Tuesdays through Sundays with varying hours.

New and gently used holiday items can be donated to this store, the largest annual fundraiser for the no-kill, all volunteer run sanctuary for cats and dogs. One hundred percent of the profits go to the animal sanctuary so all are encouraged to go check it out.

The Fallbrook Blanket Project, created in 2014, consists of many different volunteers of all ages who love to knit and crochet for others. All items are donated to North County charities, their fundraisers or occasionally sold to help support the project.

This group previously met at Fallbrook Library but is now, through the generosity of the Fallbrook Village Association, meeting every other Monday at the downtown Vince Ross Village Square at Alvarado and Main. The volunteers also teach, for free, knitting and crocheting.

For more information, contact Laura Turley-Denny, 949-610-5173 or Michele Turley, 951-275-7631, or email fallbrookblanketproject.org.

Submitted by Fallbrook Blanket Project.



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Koi pond creates peace and quiet

Lucette Moramarco
Associate Editor

The Fallbrook area is full of homes that are tucked away in hidden valleys where their occupants enjoy peace and quiet. Some homes, however, are close to major roads, but their owners find a way to create their own piece of paradise.

The Ritter home off of East Mission Road is one such place. Ron and Judy Ritter moved there in 1985 and, while traffic can be heard from in front of the house, the backyard is quiet and peaceful, in large part due to their lily pond which is home to koi fish.

They had the pond built in 2003 in the spot where their four children originally played volleyball. When asked why they put in a koi pond, Ron Ritter replied that after their son Steven was killed in a car accident in 1987, they had no need for the volleyball court. A retired Navy Chaplain and Lutheran Pastor, Ritter has specialized in the ministry of bereavement.

When considering the possibilities for their backyard, Ritter said, "Somehow the subject of a pond came up." At that time, there was a koi farm on Gird Road, owned by Takemi Adachi. He had taken over the farm from his father who started it in 1974.

The farm was closed in December 2014, but one of the employees is still taking care of the Ritter koi pond. Francisco Torres stops by twice a month to do maintenance for it.

The pond is fed water from a

man made well on the property. Ritter pointed out the locations of two water pumps that recycle the pond water. The water is also aerated by two waterfalls, which can be turned on and off, at the east end of the pond. Recently installed solar panels on their new roof also provide the energy to run the pumps.

While there have been as many as 11 koi fish in the pond, there are only six living there now. Ritter said he has lost a few fish over the years to egrets and herons. He has seen the big birds "snap them out of the water, sending them to koi heaven" as the birds kill the fish which are too big for them to eat. Ritter buried the fish under his fruit trees as they are supposed to be good fertilizer.

While he said he doesn't know a lot about koi, Ritter did explain that they need less food in cold weather than they need when the weather is hot because they are cold-blooded. He feeds them every morning.

There are many lily pads in the pond that along with the water and fish create a balance of nature. There are also small black mosquito fish which eat mosquito larvae. Little dark orange fish can be seen swimming in the pond, but they are a mystery to Ritter. He doesn't know where they come from or where they go, but they add to the magic of the pond.

Tall trees provide shade while the waterfalls add their calming sound and the sun glints off the surface of the water, making the pond a relaxing place to spend time at, away from the hustle and bustle of life.



A Koi fish looks for more food; they eat more in warm weather than in cold weather because they are cold-blooded.



Koi are a colored variety of the Amur carp that are kept for decorative purposes in outdoor koi ponds, water gardens or aquariums. The word "koi" comes from the Japanese pronunciation of the common character between Japanese and Chinese meaning carp. Courtesy of Wikipedia.

An overhead tree is reflected in the pond as Koi fish swim below it.



The waterfall helps to put oxygen into the water which helps keep the fish in the pond healthy.



In Japan, the Koi fish symbolize good fortune or luck, abundance and perseverance. In Buddhism, they represent courage.

Lily pads provide shelter for fish and shade to keep the water cool. They also produce oxygen which is good for the fish..



A variety of plants and trees grow around the Koi pond at the Ritters' house.



Other fish live in the pond besides the Koi fish.

HOME & GARDEN AND REAL ESTATE

CWA provides PSAWR eligibility guidelines

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

The San Diego County Water Authority approved a permanent Special Agricultural Water Rate program late last year but did not include any criteria. On Sept. 24, the SDCWA approved an ordinance adopting the program and setting eligibility criteria.

The CWA action establishes the Permanent Special Agricultural Water Rate program effective Jan. 1, 2021, and grants existing Transitional Special Agricultural Water Rate program customers eligibility to participate in the PSAWR program on a temporary basis through June 30, 2021, which will allow member agencies sufficient time to verify compliance with the new PSAWR program's eligibility requirements.

"I think it's important for our community," said Rainbow Municipal Water District General Manager Tom Kennedy, who is Rainbow's representative on the CWA board.

"It just codified a few things," said Frank Hilliker, who is on the board of the Lakeside Water District and is that district's representative on the CWA board.

In 1994, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) implemented the Interim Agricultural Water Program (IAWP) which provided surplus supplies to agricultural customers at a discounted rate with the condition of cutbacks in a drought of up to 30% before implementing

any mandatory reductions to municipal and industrial customers. An agricultural user could choose to pay municipal and industrial rates and not be subject to the cutbacks.

In October 2008, the MWD board voted to phase out the IAWP over a four-year period. In December 2008, the CWA board created the TSAWR program for farmers who chose to opt out of the IAWP. TSAWR customers are not eligible to receive certain water from CWA augmented supply programs.

The initial TSAWR was for a two-year period although in March 2010 the CWA board voted to extend the program to the end of 2012, have a revised program for 2013 through 2015, and review that program before the beginning of 2016.

In May 2013, the CWA convened the Fiscal Sustainability Task Force whose purpose was to provide a revised rate structure intended to avoid a situation where conservation results in increased water rates due to reduced revenue from water purchases by member agencies.

The task force's report was released to member agencies in January 2014 for their input and was first brought to the CWA board as an information item in February 2014. The board expressed a preference to defer action until outstanding issues could be addressed. The desire to include the TSAWR as part of the changes resulting from the task force recommendations led to a

one-year extension of that program in June 2014 when the CWA's 2014-15 budget was approved.

In March 2015, the CWA board approved several of the task force's recommendations and extended the TSAWR until the end of 2020.

The Fiscal Sustainability Task Force was reconvened in July 2019. Hilliker chairs that task force.

Although the task force is addressing other subjects, the TSAWR was the focus of multiple meetings.

An October 2019 task force meeting included a presentation from the CWA's cost of service consultant. The task force recommended that the TSAWR be made permanent, and the CWA's Administrative and Finance Committee also made such a recommendation before the full board vote. Hilliker also chairs the Administrative and Finance Committee.

A unanimous CWA board vote in November 2019 approved making the SAWR permanent. That approval was for the framework only; the specific rates will be part of the budget process.

"It's permanent. People don't have to annually renew," Hilliker said. "Now instead of making it special, we made it permanent."

PSAWR customers will pay the MWD Tier 1 untreated supply rate, the melded treatment rate, the transportation rate, the Customer Service Charge which is intended to recover costs which support the operations of the CWA, and the Infrastructure Access Charge

which is used for CWA fixed expenditures incurred even when water use is reduced and is per meter equivalent rather than based on usage volume.

PSAWR customers will not pay the melded supply rate which reflects water purchased from the Imperial Irrigation District under the Quantification Settlement Agreement and water produced by the Claude "Bud" Lewis Carlsbad Desalination Plant as well as water delivered from MWD, the Storage Charge which recovers costs related to emergency storage programs, the Supply Reliability Charge, or other charges related to regional conveyance.

The plan when the SAWR was made permanent in November 2019 was for the CWA to develop and finalize new program guidelines during the first half of 2020 and to initiate new sign-ups during the second half of 2020. The November 2019 approval also called for an evaluation of the program every five years to review current (at the time) and forecasted demands and supplies.

The June 2020 CWA meeting adopted the calendar year 2021 rates and charges, and the PSAWR was included. Future rates will continue to reflect cost of service standards and will be determined annually as part of the annual rate setting process.

The directive for CWA staff to develop the program guidelines included interaction with member agencies and other stakeholders. Member agency workshops were conducted April 28 and Aug. 24.

The eligibility criteria for the PSAWR program requires that customers grow or raise for commercial purposes products of an agricultural, horticultural or floricultural nature. To verify that eligibility, CWA member agencies will be required to confirm that customers are included on one of four lists: the Regional Water Quality Control Board's General Agricultural Orders Enrollment List, the county's Growers List, the county's Active Certified Producers List, or the county's Organic Producers List.

"We're going to be in the process of working with the people in the existing program," said Fallbrook Public Utility District General Manager Jack Bebee, who is FPUD's representative on the CWA board.

"If you're not on one of those lists you're ineligible," Kennedy said. "They're either going to have to get on a list or we're going to have to drop them from the program."

Participation in the PSAWR is voluntary. Although the TSAWR was limited to former IAWP customers, farmers who were not in the TSAWR will be eligible for the PSAWR.

"The program will be open to new customers," Bebee said.

"We're going to be getting the information out," Kennedy said.

"This program will help more farmers," Hilliker said. "It's good that we could do that."

MWD approves incentive program for multifamily housing toilet replacements

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California adopted a program to provide incentives for replacing toilets at multi-family housing properties.

MWD's Oct. 13 board meeting included approving a \$250 incentive to replace toilets with

a flush volume of 3.5 gallons or greater and a \$125 incentive to replace toilets with a flush volume of 1.6 gallons or greater. MWD also authorized up to \$2.75 million annually for the program, which including administration costs is expected to fund the replacement of approximately 10,000 toilets each year.

In December 2018, MWD

authorized a pilot program to determine whether an enhanced incentive would increase the installation of new toilets in multi-family housing units. Because a contractor can replace multiple toilets in a single visit an economy of scale was assumed, which had been the case when some MWD member agencies provided incentives to replace toilets. The pilot program gave a \$250 incentive to replace a toilet with a premium high-efficiency toilet, which has a flush volume of 1.1 gallons or less. Eligibility was limited to properties built before 1994 which had not previously participated in a toilet rebate program, and the pilot project included preinstallation inspections to verify the existing flush volume and post-installation inspections. The lessons learned from the pilot project were utilized in the adoption of the perennial

incentive program.

The new program also limits the incentives to properties built before 1994 with no previous participation in a toilet rebate program and includes preinstallation and post-installation inspections. The second-tier rebate of \$125 for newer but not premium high-efficiency toilets was added. The lower rebate for 1.6-gallon tanks may encourage property owners and contractors to replace the toilets on the property, and many of the 1.6-gallon toilets are more than 20 years old and may not be as efficient as when they were installed.

The contractor and property owner will work with MWD directly rather than with the MWD member agency providing service to the property. The property owner must apply for the incentive program though the <http://www.socalwatersmart.com>

[socalwatersmart.com](http://www.socalwatersmart.com), although the third-party contractor will be involved in the coordination with MWD and the property owner. Marketing and outreach information will be provided to contractors, who may recommend the incentive program to the property owner.

MWD will conduct data collection and analysis, and MWD staff will provide annual reports on the progress of the toilet replacement program.

Due to coronavirus safety issues along with the contact inherent in the inspection and replacement activities, the program will only be implemented when all counties within MWD's service area attain moderate or minimal COVID-19 risk criteria status.

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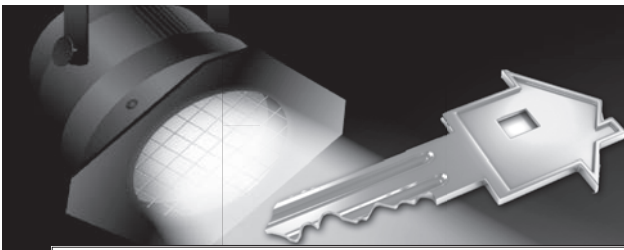


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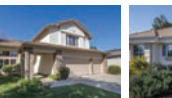
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Bitter goes from benches to Bolero



Chris and Kim Murphy pose with the Flower Power bench they bought outside their Airbnb. The bench is the work of artist Gabriele Bitter.



Gabriele Bitter's art studio is near Estella's restaurant at Valley Fort.



Gabriele Bitter's reproduction of Picasso's "Guernica" is in the casitas reception area of Bolero Cellars at Europa Village, a winery in Temecula.

Nancy Heins-Glaser
Special to Village News

The more things change in art, the more they don't remain the same, especially not now during our time of COVID-19. What's trending now may not be what was in November 2019. But thank goodness artists keep one step ahead based on their own goals of artistic excellence.

No one had any idea of the days that were to follow Save Our Forest's Take A Seat auction fundraiser for environmental classroom education Nov. 2.

Since that time, some artists have applied skills to making masks while others have made political action using art, theatre

and music. As with all forms of expression, no matter what surface or where one applies it, it is about the need to share one's own voice.

Those who bought the seven benches as works of art also continue to give to the Fallbrook community in different ways. Whether through funky scarecrows to have spooky fun at area businesses, virtual dinners, Zoom gatherings, craft fairs, farmers markets or outdoor dining, most have tried to stay connected to one another.

In July, August and September 2019, Temecula artist Gabriele Bitter transformed her Robert Old hand-crafted wooden Take A Seat bench with a unique design.

When asked, proud bench buyers

Kim and Chris Murphy, of Murphy & Murphy Southern California Realty, said they had thought the area where they planned to place a bench called for a "nature settee" but gratefully changed their minds during the auction excitement.

Bitter's consistent European flair gave way to the Mod era of Carnaby Street. A pink flower with a bold yellow green center spoke to an entirely different time – what fun this was to see and then experience it firsthand in its own location.

In late winter, when the bench was photographed at its new location, the Murphy's marvelous garden seemed to shout out loud "thank you – just what we needed!" The inspiring Santa

Margarita River view is perfect for their Airbnb visitors and the bench Flower Power adds a bold confident touch to underwrite the magical, unfolding panorama for guests.

Since then, Bitter was grateful to be challenged by an oversized magnificent grand commission work at the new Temecula Winery called Europa Village. The winery consists of three pavilions representing Italy, France and Spain. At Bolero Cellars, the ambiance allows patrons to "travel to Spain while dining."

Bitter's remarkable Picasso-esque image from Spain helps set the mood. The good news is that Europa Village recently announced it would be opening

the socially distanced restaurant areas, though the tasting room will remain closed for the time being.

When catching up with Bitter on the phone recently to discuss her most current works, she giggled and proclaimed, "well since you visited my studio, I have had another change in artistic direction. The area around my studio is being enhanced too. Lots going on."

The studio spaces and area surrounding them are improving with gallery spaces for lease right next to Estrellas on South Mission Road. These days, even though life has changed, artists carry on in their unique inimitable way too, making the most of a difficult situation and pushing forward.

Air Pollution Control District's kid's calendar contest is back



Entries from last year's Air Pollution Control District's kid's calendar contest include these two pictures.

Village News/Courtesy photos

Gig Conaughton
County of San Diego Communications Office

The "calend-air" contest is back! San Diego County's Air Pollution Control District is calling on local student artists to submit their original artwork illustrating the importance of clean air in the district's 2021 Kids' Calendar Contest.

The annual contest is a cool way for local kindergarten through 12th grade students to see their art get published and to make a difference by helping the APCD reduce air pollution and protect the public.

Students are invited to mail their original artwork showing ways to reduce air pollution by Nov. 20. Entry forms can be found at <https://www.sdapcd.org/>.

All of the submitted art will be shown on the APCD's website. The top 13 submissions will be used to illustrate the APCD'S 2021 calendar, one for the cover and one for each of the 12 months. APCD gives the calendar out free to the public each year.

Students are allowed to submit one entry and can mail them along with their printed-out entry form, to APCD at: San Diego County

APCD, Attn: Calendar Contest, 10124 Old Grove Road, San Diego, CA 92131.

Art must be the student's own work and should be drawn in color, horizontally, on paper 8 ½ by 11 inches in size. Do not fold the art when mailing it. All entries require a completed entry form and must be postmarked by Nov. 20.

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APCD and will not be returned (so you may want to make a copy to keep for yourself).

Judging will be done by a panel of APCD officials shortly after the submission deadline. Everyone will be notified when the results are in. A more complete reading of the rules of the contest is included at the bottom of the entry form.

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Along with trash, the Keep Fallbrook Litter Free group also cleaned up the miscellaneous objects found on the street, including a roll of carpet and a tire.



Clean up efforts yield 11 bags of trash just from the South Mission Road area alone.

Tips for finding the right neighborhood



Village New/Courtesy photo
Jane Kepley
Special to the Village News

As you search for the perfect home, something to consider besides bedrooms, bathrooms and square footage is the community. This will be where you socialize, exercise, where your children grow up and attend school. Roots will be established where you call home.

Know what is important to you. If it's having the ability to take

walks, are there plenty of trails to explore? What is the distance to work? The desk in the next room or a drive into the city? How do you feel about a Homeowner's Association?

Investigate the community you are considering. Find out the school ratings and what the local home values are. What are your interest and hobbies? Does the community offer opportunities to get involved?

Social media online groups are a great way to learn about a community. Do the people seem approachable, friendly? Is there an events calendar posted?

Cruise the neighborhood on different days and different nights. What is the noise level on a Friday night? How is the parking? Can you imagine calling this neighborhood home?

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Name of Business
PACHECO RANCH COMPANY
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2020-9017034
Name of Business
MURRIETA AUTO WORKZ LLC
219 W. Mission Rd, Fallbrook, CA 92028
County: San Diego
This business is registered by the following:
Murrieta Auto Workz LLC, 219 W. Mission Rd, Fallbrook, CA 92028
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This LLC is registered in the state of California
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Name of Business
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County: San Diego
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NOTICE OF PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT
TO THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
FALLBROOK UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Education Code Section 5092, that

On August 18, 2020, a vacancy occurred on the above-named governing board; and On October 12, 2020, the remaining members of said governing board appointed JoAnn Lopez as the provisional appointee who shall hold office until the next regularly scheduled election for district governing board members on November 8, 2022; and

The provisional appointment confers all powers and duties upon the appointee immediately following his or her appointment; and

Unless a petition calling for a special election is filed with the County Superintendent of Schools within thirty (30) days after the date of the provisional appointment, it shall become an effective appointment; and

A petition calling for a special election shall be filed with the County Superintendent of Schools, 6401 Linda Vista Road, San Diego, California 92111-7399 not later than November 11, 2020 and shall contain the following:

1. The Registrar of Voters' estimate of the cost of conducting the special election.
2. The name and residence address of at least one, but not more than five, of the proponents of the petition, each of which proponent shall be a registered voter of the school district.
3. The text of language of the petition shall not appear in less than six-point type.
4. Signatures of at least one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) of the number of registered voters of the district or twenty-five (25) registered voters, whichever is greater, at the time of the last regular election for governing board members. In districts with registered voters of less than two thousand (2,000) persons, a petition shall be deemed to bear a sufficient number of signatures if signed by at least five percent (5%) of the number of registered voters of the district at the time of the last regular election for governing board members.

A petition calling for a special election shall be prepared and circulated in conformity with the requirements of sections 100 and 104 of the Elections Code.

October 12, 2020

Candace Singh, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Published: October 22, 2020

Change of Name

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case Number: 37-2020-00026734-CU-PT-CTL
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS
Petitioner:
NOREEN OLAGUER ON BEHALF OF NADINE ANN OLAGUER ALICDAN
Present Name:
NADINE ANN OLAGUER ALICDAN
Proposed Name:
NADINE ANN CADELINA OLAGUER
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: 11/12/2020 Time: 8:30 am Dept: C-6
The address of the court is Superior Court, 330 West Broadway, San Diego, CA 92101
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
Other parent must be served. *Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which poses a substantial risk to the health and welfare of court personnel and the public, rendering presence in, or access to, the court's facilities unsafe, and pursuant to the emergency orders of the Chief Justice of the State of California and General Orders of the Presiding Department of the San Diego Superior court, the following Order is made:
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-120) will be granted without a hearing. One certified copy of the Order Granting the Petition will be mailed to the petitioner.
If all requirements have not been met as of the date specified, the court will mail the petitioner a written order with further directions.
If a timely objection is filed, the court will set a remote hearing date and contact the parties by mail with further directions.
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.
Any Petition for the name change of a minor that is signed by only one parent must have this Attachment served along with the Petition and Order to Show Cause, on the other non-signing parent, and proof of service must be filed with the court.

Date: September 16, 2020 Signed: Daniel F. Link, Judge of the Superior Court.
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EDUCATION

Arnold, Collings, Contreras and Philo named Students of the Month



Among other activities, Lianna Arnold writes for the school newspaper and is a member of the Decathlon and Academic teams, Model United Nations and Skills USA.



Senior class president Kaitlyn Collings is learning American Sign Language, plays sports, works as a nanny and coaches younger students in field hockey.



A long-distance runner, Danny Contreras participates on the Decathlon Team and Democratic Club, serves as a soccer coach to sixth graders and at his church's food bank.



Seen with teacher Kevin Kent, Kyleigh Philo's many activities include playing softball, coaching at pitching clinics, helping organize an elementary school library and tutoring.

FALLBROOK – The first four Fallbrook Union High School District students of the month for the 2020-21 school year have been announced. October Students of the Month are seniors Lianna Arnold, Kaitlyn Collings, Daniel Contreras and Kyleigh Philo.

Due to current limitations on large gatherings, the students could not be recognized at the monthly breakfast the Student of the Month Committee has hosted for the last 23 years, but the students each received a visit from representatives of Village Rotary, OASIS and Fallbrook high schools, and the Student of the Month Committee members, who celebrated the students with not only a drive-by caravan in their neighborhoods but also with yard signs, gift bags with items from several Fallbrook businesses, certificates from governmental offices and congratulatory remarks from school personnel and their own family members.

One of the honorees, Kaitlyn Collings, exuberantly commented that this fanfare, complete with Principal Narciso Iglesias blowing a megaphone, was better than being honored at a breakfast.

Lianna Arnold, nominated by science teacher Marin Pinnell, has balanced an active lifestyle with Advanced Placement classes, extra-curricular activities, private tutoring and community service. With a 4.75 grade-point average, Arnold said he plans to study nuclear engineering at a university and then enlist in the U.S. Navy.

Universities where she is currently applying include

Georgia Tech, UC-San Diego, UC-Berkeley and Texas A&M. Arnold writes for the school newspaper, The Tomahawk, with a series, “This Day in History,” and articles on cultural traditions. She is also a strong member of both the Decathlon and Academic teams, Model United Nations and Skills USA.

Volunteering with the Fallbrook Beautification Alliance even during the COVID-19 period, she has been able to independently do cleanups at various locations such as the Bonsall Bridge and Ingold Field. This year, Arnold is serving as an online tutor to high school students in physics and her favorite subject, mathematics.

Pinnell commented at the celebration in front of Arnold’s home that the first word that comes to her mind about Arnold is “photographic” because Arnold remembers everything that she learns. When asked what she loves about Fallbrook High School, Arnold immediately answered, “The teachers.”

Former ASB director and current social studies teacher Alana Milton said that her nominee, Kaitlyn Collings, “sees the bright side of everything.” As junior class president and, now, senior class president, Collings appreciates serving as a school leader, learning skills in all of her classes – especially her American Sign Language class – that she has taken throughout her high school years, playing sports, working as a nanny and doing community service as a coach for younger students in field hockey.

Having earned most valuable player in the past, Collings works hard with her field hockey team (last year’s CIF champions), currently going to morning practices at 7 a.m. A player all four years at FHS, she served as captain of her junior varsity team and is looking forward to the season starting in November.

With a 3.6 grade-point average, Collings has an avid interest in film study and is looking at pursuing a career in screen-writing. However, she also has a strong desire to pursue criminal law and is applying to colleges in Hawaii, Utah, and Washington State. Collings enjoys writing and playing piano.

She, her parents and three younger brothers greeted the caravan outside their home. Collings feels the staff and community have gone overboard to help all the high school students adjust to the new way of learning by remote. Although Milton could not attend in person, she called Collings to congratulate her while she was being honored at her home.

Daniel Contreras is described by Pinnell, who also nominated him, as a “marathon” because he is constantly on the go as he achieves his goals as an athlete on the track and cross country teams, as a strong academic student with a 4.6 grade-point average and as a volunteer in the community.

With his grandmother and siblings looking on as he was honored at their home, Contreras

said that he wants to study biology and/or engineering, and that he is looking at schools on the East Coast as well as UC San Diego and San Diego State University.

A long-distance runner for four years at Fallbrook High, Contreras has earned Most Inspirational and Leadership awards as well as having been named All-League Second Team, being in the top 20 runners in the division.

Contreras also participates on Fallbrook’s Decathlon Team and has joined the Democratic Club. He has served as a soccer coach to sixth graders on weekends and with the food bank of his church. Asked what he likes most about FHS, Daniel also expressed his appreciation for his teachers, stating with humility that they are his major source of motivation.

Oasis High School student Kyleigh Philo has been nominated by her teacher of four years, Kevin Kent. It was a nice surprise for Philo to have close friends join in the drive-by celebration (arranged by her mom) and, also, for Kent to be present and speak of why she well deserves the honor of Student of the Month.

With a 3.8 grade-point average, Philo looks forward to completing her general education at Palomar Community College after high school and then pursuing her bachelor’s degree in either art history or elementary education. Because she enjoys working with children, she tutors them for a private company in Temecula.

Philo looks forward to this

year’s softball season to open when she will be playing for the FHS varsity softball team as a pitcher. Her volunteer experience includes serving as a coach at pitching clinics for Fallbrook’s Girls Softball and helping organize a library at an elementary school in Temecula. One of her favorite interests is painting, which she started doing with her grandmother; she has also sculpted.

Kent’s comments about Philo include that she “is a very bright, cheerful and thoughtful young lady. She always has a smile on her face and displays a very kind demeanor. She is such a positive person, always speaking well of others and expecting the best of others and herself. She represents all that is best about Oasis High School.”

The October Students of the Month represent the best of Fallbrook’s student population. Nominated throughout the school year by educators, the business community and charitable organizations, students are selected for this honor by criteria that include excellence in academics, school service and activities, community service, leadership and citizenship.

November’s Students of the Month will be announced the afternoon of Nov. 6, when the next caravan celebration will occur.

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Board of Supervisors honors Melo

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

The Oct. 13 proclamations of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors included one for 2008 Fallbrook High School graduate Jose Melo.

Melo’s current education affiliation is Valley Center Middle School, and he was chosen as a 2020-21 San Diego County Teacher of the Year. The five teachers who were San Diego County Teacher of the Year recipients were honored by the Board of Supervisors.

“It was a real honor receiving this proclamation,” Melo said.

“It’s good to know that the public is appreciating the hard work of educators,” Melo said.

“It’s good to know our hard work

is being commended.”

The 40 district nominees for San Diego County Teacher of the Year are from approximately 26,000 public school teachers in San Diego County. “They’re working harder than ever to ready those students during these challenging times,” Melo said.

“Students are the reason we teach,” Melo said.

Melo grew up in Fallbrook and still lives here. His Fallbrook High School teachers inspired Melo to pursue a career in education. The passion of two of his Spanish teachers made them his role models.

Melo teaches dual language social studies to seventh grade students and also teaches English language development. The social studies instruction is in both

English and Spanish, and the goal is to have the students completely bilingual in the subject matter.

In addition to his classroom teaching activity Melo is a mentor and tutor to students on the San Pasqual Indian Reservation. He also mentors new teachers, serves on the school site council, and organizes parent workshops. He coordinates a Saturday school program which focuses on community collaboration, positive behavioral intervention and support for students.

Melo noted that he also received an email from a parent that day complimenting his performance as a teacher. “It’s words like that that give you the energy to keep on going,” he said.

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Bonsall Unified board update on eve of schools reopening to students



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Bonsall Unified School District Superintendent David Jones speaks during the teleconference meeting with the Board of Trustees on Wednesday, Oct. 14.

Jeff Pack
Staff Writer

With Bonsall Unified School District planning to welcome students back to campuses with a hybrid schedule on Monday, Oct. 19, the BUSD Board of Trustees heard a report Wednesday, Oct. 14 from Superintendent David Jones and district staff.

The board reviewed the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan Recommendations and the staff gave a presentation on the process, steps and decision making in preparation for reopening the schools.

The superintendent spoke passionately about reopening.

“We are ready to reopen,” he said. “I also wanted to share just personally that I feel it should be very, very clear to every single

person in my opinion, listening tonight, that the right thing to do is to bring our kids back to school. And we can’t do that until we have a finalized agreement (with the teachers’ association), unfortunately, and what’s difficult is we’re required to go through and negotiate the impacts and effects of bringing people back to work, which is very, very challenging.”

He said the agreement with the teachers’ association wasn’t completed until Oct. 8 and the earliest they could come back was Oct. 19.

“Which means our principals have been scrambling to put classes together, to work at night, work over the weekends, including the directors,” he said. “It’s worth it because we’ve got to get the kids back to school.”

“I would just ask everybody listening to think about this in this way. If the earliest we could come back was Dec. 10, theoretically, when do you think you would reach an agreement? You think it would be now November or close to Dec. 10? And do you think people would still be saying that they’re not ready to come back? We have to do the right thing for our kids and we cannot delay this anymore.”

He then mentioned reports of damage being done to students and young people due to being isolated during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“I would just encourage all of you to look at what is going on,” he said. “And maybe you have kids and people between the age of 10 and 25, the screen time, the isolation, depression, suicide rate of being isolated at home because they’re not in a regular, healthy environment and a regular

daily routine. It is irresponsible to delay this for any reason, we have no other choice, but to do last minute scrambling because we haven’t reached an agreement until recently.”

Jones said the district will support parents who choose to keep their students at home.

“If you are a parent and you are choosing to keep your child at home, we will support you,” he said. “I would just ask our parents to pay attention. And I’m not saying you’re not, but I’m just asking that you have conversations with your children, especially at the middle school and high school level about how they are doing, their mental wherewithal, sitting at home each day, spending hours and hours in front of a screen, and then hours and hours of homework and what that does to us mentally.”

He said he feels opening with a hybrid schedule wasn’t good enough.

“If you feel it’s the right thing for your child, we’ll do everything we can to get them back to school,” Jones said. We need to do everything we can to increase the amount of time that they’re here. The hybrid instruction ... please know, I get it, is not good enough a couple of days a week. Not good enough. We’ve got to increase that as soon as we can. I’ll do the best that I can.”

Jones then talked about whether the schools would be shut down again if the county falls back into the purple tier of the state’s reopening guidelines tiered system.

“We are in the red tier of San Diego County and the reason I bring that up is because parents and people have asked me if we

go into the purple, now that we’re coming back to school Monday, do we have to close schools down?” Jones said. “The answer to that question is no. It is based on case rate within a school, a cohort. Then in turn, we determine whether we need to shut down that classroom or school.”

Jones also thanked everyone involved in the effort to get the kids back to school.

“We thank everyone ... parents, several parents were on it, two board members, administration, teachers, classified staff,” he said. “That plan followed the CDC guidelines, all the rules and regulations. We have a full website; it was approved by the board of trustees on Aug. 12. We provided weekly updates over the summer to notify our families of everything that we knew that was going on in preparation for getting that approved.”

“Every school site principal and many teachers over the summer, worked hard on the details of what to do, the procedures and routines and safety things. What does that look like at each school? That had to be ironed out by every principal and they brought in their leadership teams and many teachers. Thank you. Thank you to our principals, they helped to finalize their site. Plans are ready to go. All the safety equipment and protocols are in place.”

The board approved the Certification of Sufficiency of Instructional Materials for the 2020-21 school year as presented by David Moore, executive director of Educational Services.

They also approved an agreement for participation in the San Diego County Career

Technical Education Program and they also ratified a memorandum of understanding between the district and Fallbrook Union Elementary School District for transportation maintenance.

The board unanimously approved the consent agenda which ratified personnel registers, cafeteria revolving cash report, commercial warrant report and purchase report.

During closed session, the board considered the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, discipline, transfer or dismissal of employees and discussed its position regarding collective bargaining with the Bonsall Teachers Association in order to direct the Superintendent in negotiations.

Earlier in the meeting, longtime board member Richard Olson talked about his time on the board as he would not be on the ballot for the upcoming election.

“As I approach the end of my school board career, after 27 straight years, it’s starting to get kind of emotional for me,” he said. “I’ve gone through so many superintendents, so many principals, so many students, both of my kids went through the entire Bonsall program and redistricting caught up with me. At 82 years old, I possibly would’ve run again if I hadn’t been politically removed.”

“I just wanted to say that it’s been lovely working with the people I’ve worked with and I hope that I can leave feeling that I did some good here. Thank you.”

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Vallecitos School District to compensate teachers for coronavirus impacts



Students arrive on campus at Vallecitos Elementary School in Rainbow for a day of learning while following social distancing guidelines. Village News/Shane Gibson photo

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

The agreement between the Vallecitos School District and the Vallecitos Educators Association has been amended to account for the teachers’ additional activity due to coronavirus impacts.

A 5-0 Vallecitos School District board vote Oct. 13 approved the addendum to the agreement with the teachers. The amendment covers teacher testing, hybrid on-campus student days, and a teacher

preparation day.

“We just continue to work collaboratively to help support our distance learning model,” said Vallecitos School District Superintendent Maritza Koeppen, who is also the principal of Vallecitos Elementary School.

All members of the certificated staff will be required to be tested for COVID-19 over a span of two months, and half of the staff members must submit a negative test each month. The testing cycle may be adjusted if state or

county requirements supersede the contract amendment provision.

Testing will be free for Vallecitos Educators Association members, who will be given release time and will also be reimbursed for mileage to and from the test site. The school district will provide VEA members with the location of available testing sites.

Under the hybrid learning plan, the on-campus student day will be from 8:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Some students will be on campus Mondays and Wednesdays

while the other students will be at Vallecitos Elementary School on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The 71 students who will be at the school on Mondays and Wednesdays returned to class Oct. 19 and the 60 students who will be on campus Tuesdays and Thursdays began in-school learning Oct. 20. Full-time distance learning is also available, and 56 students will be utilizing that option.

Teachers may submit a timecard for one additional day to prepare

for the students’ return to campus.

“We have provided the teachers an additional day of pay,” Koeppen said.

The amendment will expire June 30, 2021, unless it is extended by the support of both the Vallecitos Educators Association and the school board.

“We’re just continuing to monitor the situation and work together to improve the outcomes of students,” Koeppen said.

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Opal C. Dering died and went home to be with Jesus Oct. 8, 2020, a day before her 98th birthday. She was born Oct. 9, 1922.
Born in Minnesota to Matilda and Mathias Tjomsland, she has



one surviving sister, Joan Elverum, who is still living in Minnesota and snowbirding in Florida. Joan’s husband Dea predeceased her. They have three daughters: Jackie, Dana and Anne; five grandchildren

and four great-grandchildren. Opal was predeceased by four wonderful brothers: Stanley, Marvin, Earl and Arthur.
Opal moved with her husband, Harvey Walter, to California after the war and had a nice life, raising two children, Gary (wife Kris) and Susan in Monterey Park and Montebello. To Opal’s chagrin, she never had grandchildren to dote on from her own children. We could only offer her the grand doggies. Unfortunately, Harvey and Opal divorced, twice; life is complicated.
Mother met and married Dave Dering in 1976. Opal got her granddaughter fix finally with Dave’s daughter, from a previous marriage, Kit Haveman (husband Kurt). Kit had her third child, a

girl named Jamaica Pearl, after Opal and Dave were married. They spent many a holiday with Kit and her tribe.
Gary and Susan remained very close to Opal and Dave, sharing so much of life in togetherness. Dave was the adventurer, and they traveled to many wonderful places, Europe, Mexico, Alaska and around the states. Mother got to see her parents’ hometown in Tjomsland. They lived on a 22-foot sailboat for a while and docked at the San Pedro Harbor.
They also lived in an RV in Saugus when Dave, a civil engineer and vice president of Earth Research Associates, had an engineering job at that location. They finally settled down in Fallbrook in 1985 and built their

dream home.
While in Fallbrook, Opal was keen on volunteer work with the Senior Center and The Reche Club. She liked to play at the casinos for entertainment. She made many wonderful friends and attended the Methodist Church. She was a believer in salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Dave died in 2015, and Opal moved soon after to Regency Fallbrook Retirement/Assisted Living and spent her final years there. She had an exceptional personal caretaker who was with her to the end, Donna Kramer. We are so thankful for her.
There will be no memorial service, due to COVID-19; be safe.



Our family lost a beautiful strong woman, Oct. 11, 2020, when our **Felicita “Phyllis” M. Rodriguez** died and went to her rightful place in heaven. She was a force in all our lives.
I do not know where to begin to capture the immeasurable hole we have in our hearts. She was born July 4, 1926. She lived 94 years and was a trailblazer in this life.
A sister, aunt, friend, neighbor, cousin, a first generation Mexican American, World War II hero’s wife, a working mother to eight children, during the early 70s while in her 40s, she became

a widow and a single working mother, employed at Fallbrook Hospital working her way to the top and retired as the head cook.
On her own, she bought a new home, drove a bright red Sporty Toyota Corolla SR5 in the 80s and 90s. During World War II, she worked for Douglas Aircraft as an assembler as Phyllis the riveter.
She was born in Alberhill, growing up in a two-room row house with dirt floors and a wood burning stove for heating and cooking. They did not have electricity until she was 16 years of age.

Our mother, our grandmother, our great-grandmother did not hesitate to let you know where she stood so you would not dare make her mad. She loved us all deeply.
She lived through great hardships and losses and never quit. Even in these final weeks and days in hospice – the hospice nurse just a couple of days ago said she should lay down and rest in bed. When the nurse left, she got out of bed to sit in her chair. Her response when she was caught was “Lazy people stay in bed.”
April, one of her grandchildren,

once asked, “How did you do it all?”
Her answer, “Don’t sit. If you sit before you get everything done, you won’t get back up to finish.”
She finally can sit and rest. She got it all done. We will miss her dearly, love her always.
Survived by eight children: Dorothy Hyde, Teresa Pritchard, Eddie Rodriguez, Gilbert Rodriguez, Danny Rodriguez, Irene Book, Gerald Rodriguez and Virginia Rodriguez and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



It is with deep sadness that the Royer family announces the passing of **Harvey John Royer**. Harvey, aged 89, passed away peacefully Aug. 29, 2020, due to complications of pulmonary fibrosis and old age.
Harvey was born on the 28th of May 1931 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Paul and Carmen Dantos. The hallmark of Harvey’s life was his 68 year love affair with his wife Floyce.
Harvey joined the U.S. Air Force in 1952 during the Korean War. While stationed at Ellington AFB in Texas, he met Floyce

Taylor at a Galveston Beach, fell in love and quickly married her in 1952.
Harvey and Floyce moved to Fallbrook in 1970 where Floyce continues to live. Harvey was a lifelong adventurer, aviator and sailor.
He is survived by Floyce, his wife of 67 years, his brother Robert, his four children, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.
Harvey was one of the Air Force’s first test pilots graduating from the Aerospace Test Pilot School in 1960.

In 1962, Harvey was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, a medal awarded to any pilot of the U.S. Armed Forces for heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in flight. Specifically, Harvey was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for intentionally flying his T-33 aircraft into a category 5 tornado in Oklahoma to determine how much damage the aircraft could withstand and test the survivability of the aircraft.
Later Harvey managed to reach an official altitude record with his prepared F-104C aircraft after

taking off from Edwards AFB. Harvey flew his F-104C to 31,513 m (103,389 ft), a record at that time.
Harvey was an optimist who always saw the good in every person and every situation. He loved adventure, was a blue water sailor who sailed to the San Blas islands in Ecuador, Hawaii, and many destinations in California including many of the Channel Islands. He was an active member of the Santa Margarita Yacht Club from 1980 till the end of his life, where he served as Commodore in 1983.

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Cheer Club trains for sports season



The Fallbrook Warrior Cheer Club members train together at the Fallbrook High School stadium, Oct. 15. After being screened, the squad stays active while following social distancing guidelines.



Warrior Cheer Club members follow social distancing guidelines and keep their masks on during their training session at Fallbrook High School.



Members of the Fallbrook Warrior Cheer Club warm-up at the Fallbrook High School stadium during a training session.

Village News/Shane Gibson photos



Warrior Cheer Club member Jonathan Sanchez trains with the rest of the squad at the Fallbrook High School stadium.



Cheer club member Claire Hawthorne trains with the squad at Warrior stadium.



Warrior Cheer Club member Katelynn Williams practices tumbling during cheer squad's training session.



Warrior Cheer Club members practice a variety of tumbling, jumps and cheers. Due to social distancing guidelines, the squad is not permitted to practice aerial stunts and lifts that require touching and close proximity maneuvering.

HEALTH

Komen IE’s More Than Pink Walk goes virtual

Jeff Pack
Staff Writer

According to Susan G. Komen Inland Empire Executive Director Jill Eaton, the breast cancer organization being forced by the COVID-19 pandemic to host its second annual More Than Pink Walk virtually may have been a blessing.

“It was somewhat of a challenge to a degree, but it also allowed us to really continue to expand our footprint,” Eaton said. “Our affiliate is two counties, Riverside and San Bernardino, which happened to be the largest counties in the United States. By going virtual, we actually were touching a larger footprint.

“We had new teams that came in from outside of the immediate Inland Empire area, so that was great. They felt like this year was an opportunity where they could really be more involved. That was great to see and to hear them and to talk to them and be able to engage them from a virtual platform was something that we haven’t done before. That was nice.”

The event, held Sunday, Oct. 11, saw walkers teaming up to raise funds for the organization – but this time, instead of gathering to walk with thousands of others at one location, they walked on their own, in their neighborhoods or at public parks to raise awareness.

Then, the groups were asked to “go live” on social media channels using the hashtag, #walkwhereyouaresgkie, to be included in the curated content published on the Komen Inland Empire affiliate’s social media channels.

“We had teams from far, far

reaching areas,” Eaton said. “Obviously, I missed the hugs and seeing everybody’s faces. And I know that the survivors miss that too, because they thrive off of getting together and sharing each other’s journey and stories and cheering each other on, but it was still an opportunity where we were able to do that virtually and actually watch what everybody was doing on their own.

“We had lots of teams that were filming or not filming, recording themselves on their cell phones and we posted it and they posted it up to our Facebook page. We got to see what the teams were doing and see how they were celebrating the walk.”

There were teams walking in apartment complexes, parks and neighborhoods from all over the county. They laughed and cried and told stories of their personal battles with breast cancer. It was emotional and inspirational as participants shouted words of encouragement into cameras during the live broadcasts and recordings.

“They did their own activities, very carefully, socially distant,” Eaton said.

A virtual opening ceremony on walk day will honor survivors and those living with metastatic breast cancer; it will also include a celebration of participants, and inspiring stories of resilience and more.

According to Komen Inland Empire, the “impact of COVID-19, including rising unemployment, quarantines, and an overburdened healthcare system are causing the perfect storm for breast cancer patients who have questions or need care. Funds raised through

the More Than Pink Walk will address urgent needs in the local breast cancer community.”

“This year 2,300 women living in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties will be diagnosed with breast cancer. With the current pandemic and economic climate we are all facing, coupled with the barriers to care that impact so many women and men in our communities, our work is more important than ever,” Eaton said in a press release.

With funds raised from events such as the virtual walk, the organization provides financial assistance, advocacy for transformative health policies, access to affordable, high-quality breast health and cancer care services, breast cancer screening for uninsured or underinsured women, virtual educational experiences facilitated by experts, information related to breast health and COVID-19, as well as lifesaving research and clinical trials to discover new treatments.

Eaton was sure to remind everyone that the fundraising efforts of the event are not over.

“Even though the virtual walk ceremony is over, we’re still doing fundraising until Nov. 10, so it’s not too late to make a donation,” she said. “Our goal is to raise \$185,000 and we’re nearly at \$110,000 right now. And there are a lot of teams that have just started in their fundraising efforts. With everyone’s help, I know that we’ll be able to do it.”

For more information on how to support Komen Inland Empire and donate to the More Than Pink Walk, visit <https://komenie.org>.

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Janice Lovendahl is ready to begin her walk in the virtual More Than Pink Walk to support Susan G. Komen Inland Empire’s work to combat breast cancer and support breast cancer patients and survivors. Participants like Lovendahl were asked to record portions of their walk during the virtual event.

Opinion

Kicking It back in Alaska



Elizabeth Youngman-Westphal
Special to the Village News

Even though I have been here for two weeks, the Northern Lights have not returned. Yes, I am back in Anchorage.

Family first, right? My daughter had an extreme injury last Mother’s Day while working in the remote native village of Little Diomed, Alaska. Which is why I have returned to help after her last surgery.

The ugliest part about this trip is Alaska Airlines did not note on its website that a negative COVID-19 test report is required upon landing.

This requirement has been in place since Aug. 11, 2020, yet Alaska Airlines did not have the courtesy to advise passengers of the requirement. Consequently, the mandatory test cost me and every other incoming nonresident \$250 each. Insurance not accepted.

Plus, I had to deal with two snarky employees. I wanted to punch someone.

As it stands, California does not require a test of anyone entering the state. Well, lesson learned in the event of future travel to check the state’s website. In the past, Alaska did airport testing, but it was free.

Alaska is still on lock down. However, unlike California, eating out is easier in Anchorage because once seated, you can remove your mask to eat and drink. Newsom’s office recently tweeted a recommendation that sounded like diners should lift their mask, take a bite, lower the mask to chew, raise the mask, take a sip, and lower the mask to swallow.

Single handedly, Newsom will finally kill California’s restaurant business. But lest we forget, if you are a Dem you need not wear a mask in an airport (Barbara Boxer) or a beauty shop (Nancy Pelosi).

Since we can’t go to church, can’t eat out, the only thing left is to take it to the streets. I need to organize a grown-up march on the state capitol comprised of actual voters. Goodness knows, we’ve signed enough petitions to throw Newsom out of office only to discover they’ve been tossed in the garbage, probably like all Republican mail-in ballots.

Is anyone else mad? I, for one, want to scream with the loss of my rights. Why is the federal government being blamed for the actions of the states? And what happened to personal responsibility? They are being stolen by state governments with impose regulations that clearly

violate our personal rights.

Bottom line, if you wish to support Hunter Biden and his dad’s communist income flow, you won’t read any more of this. If you really care about your personal freedoms, medical insurance, protected borders, there is only one way to vote at the polling place this Nov. 3.

If you doubt me, look how the Left behaved during the current Supreme Court Justice hearing. They only support black lives and don’t give a care about the rest of our lives.

Republicans want smaller government. The other guy wants

to replace God with Government. After all, what Catholic supports abortion?

Besides that, our Social Security will not be supported because of reduced employment by business. After all, if you work for state or federal government, their retirement is funded by all of us nongovernment employees. How else will Biden pay for the massive government retirement funds unless he steals from those of us who’ve paid into Social Security. There isn’t any money left.

The Left has attacked Trump through from every angle. They’ve lied, cheated, spied, and tried every

way to toss him out of office, even saw to it that his personal assistant was exposed to the COVID virus. But he beat that too.

Our POTUS is the first nonpolitician in that office since I was in the sixth grade, when my campaign button proclaimed, “I Like Ike.”

Well, I like “The Donald,” he may be the only way to protect our Constitution, our Bill of Rights, the Pledge of Allegiance, our military, and our freedom as we know it.

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State Fund launches injury and illness prevention program builder

PLEASANTON, Calif. – State Compensation Insurance Fund launched State Fund’s IIPP Builder*, a free online tool available to all California employers, designed to help create a complete, effective Injury and Illness Prevention Program for their businesses.

Many employers are unaware that state law mandates an IIPP and, should Cal/OSHA visit, they could end up with a citation, the most frequent of workplace violations.

From responsibility for the program to record keeping, the builder guides users through each

of the eight parts of an IIPP, asking questions about their current safety plans along the way. The employers’ answers help build their own safety program and tailor it specifically to their businesses.

“It’s easy to use and makes a complicated task simple for business owners; they don’t have to be an expert on safety regulations to create their own safety program and be compliant,” said Lauren Mayfield, SVP of Safety & Health and Loss Prevention.

More than 1,200 employers have completed safety plans with the tool since its release. Those

businesses are now compliant and have taken an important step toward protecting their employees by improving workplace safety.

The State Fund has been helping to make California workplaces safe for more than 100 years. The path to workplace safety begins with an effective, compliant IIPP in writing, which is accessible to all employees.

For more information, visit <https://www.safeatworkca.com/iipp-builder/>.

Submitted by State Compensation Insurance Fund.

CHP uses grant to help ‘put the brakes’ on speed crashes

SACRAMENTO – Speed and aggressive driving continue to be major causes of death and injury on the state’s roadways. With the assistance of federal funds, the California Highway Patrol will focus additional resources on reducing these types of crashes throughout the state.

On Oct. 1, the CHP implemented the yearlong Regulate Aggressive Driving and Reduce Speed V grant with the primary goal of decreasing the number of people killed and injured in crashes as a result of unsafe speed. To achieve this, the CHP will conduct enhanced enforcement and public awareness campaigns statewide.

Additionally, the grant will provide funding to allow officers to focus on enforcement of street racing and sideshow activities – an increasing problem statewide.

“Speed and aggressive driving are not only unsafe driving behaviors that can lead to injury or death, but they have increasingly become a major cause of concern for many roadway users,” Warren Stanley, CHP commissioner, said. “The RADARS grant will assist our officers in addressing the issue and saving lives.”

Street racing, speeding and aggressive driving pose a significant danger to everyone on the road. In federal fiscal year

2017-2018, speed was a factor in approximately 31% of all fatal and injury crashes in California. That year, 547 people were killed and nearly 90,000 were injured in more than 61,000 speed-related crashes throughout the state.

Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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Palomar Health Foundation announces new members of board of directors

SAN MARCOS – Palomar Health Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides philanthropic support to Palomar Health, has selected two new members to its board of directors. At a Sept. 29 meeting, the board voted to appoint Pauline Gourdie of Del Sur and Jason Polk of Rancho Bernardo to three-year terms.

Pauline Gourdie is a business consultant with a background in international supply chain management, customer relations and recruitment. She established CSL Staffing in 2016 to provide staffing solutions for businesses in San Diego and Southern California. A native of Scotland, Gourdie is a supporter of numerous local nonprofits, including California Center for the Arts, YMCA, Feeding San Diego and San Diego Rescue Mission. She also serves as CEO of a nonprofit she established in memory of her late brothers that supports veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder and drug-related dependency issues. Gourdie is a member of the board of directors of Dalrada Financial, an Escondido-based company developing innovative manufacturing and health care solutions.

Jason Polk is a financial adviser at Edward Jones in Rancho Bernardo with more than 25 years

of experience in investments and insurance. He specializes in estate and legacy planning, retirement strategies, college savings and insurance and annuities. Originally from Montana, Polk is a longtime San Diego resident and graduated from San Diego State University. He is an avid golfer and volunteer in Rancho Bernardo.

Other directors currently serving on the Palomar Health Foundation board are: Diana Brady, Rancho Bernardo; Nelly Bulkin, Rancho Bernardo; Kirk Effinger, Murrieta; Jon C. Frandell, Fallbrook; Harvey Hershkowitz, Rancho Bernardo; Tina Inscoe, Escondido; Dr. Osman Khawar, Carlsbad; Charles “Andy” Mathews, Pauma Valley; Tom Oeschger, Bonsall; Jaime Rivas, Escondido; Tishmall Turner, Encinitas; David Wilson, Escondido, and Kim Young, San Marcos.

Directors represent a wide variety of backgrounds, industries and communities in North County and play a critical role in raising funds for Palomar Health’s most pressing needs. The board regularly evaluates its composition to ensure its volunteer directors have the right skills and experience to further the work of the foundation.

Wayne Herron, Palomar Health Foundation’s vice president of philanthropy and chief philanthropy officer, said, “In the



Pauline Gourdie is a new board member at Palomar Health Foundation.



Jason Polk is a new board member at Palomar Health Foundation.

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2020 fiscal year, the foundation transferred \$3.6 million to help equip Palomar Health with the tools and resources it needs to perform at the highest level. That’s a reflection of the hard work and dedication of our board members. We’re excited that Pauline and Jason have decided to join the board and help us improve the health of this community by volunteering their time and talents.”

The foundation’s current fundraising priorities include the Physician and Conference Center of the Future, which will provide resting space for on-call doctors and meeting space at Palomar Medical Center Escondido.

Submitted by Palomar Health Foundation.

If COVID-19 symptoms arise, don’t wait to get tested

José A. Álvarez
County of San Diego
Communications Office

A recent analysis of San Diego County data revealed that San Diegans are waiting an average of 3.5 days after symptoms develop before they get a COVID-19 test. The delay could result in further COVID-19 exposures, especially if people do not isolate themselves from others.

“People should get tested immediately after they start feeling sick,” said Wilma Wooten, M.D., M.P.H., County public health officer. “They should also isolate themselves to avoid exposing those around them.”

Because there is substantial spread of COVID-19 in the community, people who start feeling sick should assume it’s because of the novel coronavirus, get tested right away and isolate themselves from other people, including their families.

People with COVID-19 can have no symptoms, mild symptoms or severe illness. Common symptoms include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- New loss of taste or smell
- Body aches
- Runny nose
- Congestion
- Headache
- Sore throat

Symptoms may appear two to 14 days after exposure to the virus.

“People experiencing symptoms should be in isolation while they wait for their test results, and, if they are positive, they should continue to be away from others,” Wooten said. “If you have severe symptoms, like difficulty breathing, contact your doctor immediately.”

People who test positive should remain in isolation until 10 days after onset of symptoms and no fever for at least 24 hours without use of fever-reducing medications and improvement of other symptoms.

Anyone who is sick or infected should separate themselves from others by staying in a specific “sick room” or area and using a separate bathroom (if available). Close contacts of people who test positive for COVID-19 should quarantine themselves for 14 days and monitor for symptoms.

For people who are not able to isolate or quarantine themselves at home, the County has public health rooms for the public.

The County operates about 40 COVID-19 testing sites and most do not require an appointment. To find a no-appointment site near you, or to make an appointment, visit www.211sandiego.org or call 2-1-1.

State Metrics:

The state issued its weekly assessment of risk levels yesterday, and San Diego County remains in Tier 2, also referred to as the Red Tier.

San Diego’s state-calculated, adjusted case rate is 6.8 per 100,000 residents, up from 6.5 in the previous assessment. Limit for Tier 2 is 7.0.

The testing positivity percentage is 3.0%, down from 3.5% last week, placing it in Tier 3 or the Orange Tier.

The state’s health equity metric looks at the testing positivity for areas with the lowest healthy conditions. This metric does not move counties to more restrictive tiers but is required to advance.

The County’s health equity testing positivity percentage is 5.7, down from the 6.2% reported Oct. 6.

The California Department of Public Health will assess counties on a weekly basis, with the next report scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 20.

Community Setting Outbreaks:

No new community outbreaks were confirmed Oct. 18.

In the past seven days (Oct. 12 through Oct. 18), 31 community outbreaks were confirmed.

The number of community outbreaks remains above the trigger of seven or more in seven days.

A community setting outbreak is defined as three or more COVID-19 cases in a setting and in people of different households over the past 14 days.

Testing:

8,850 tests were reported to the County Oct. 18, and the percentage of new laboratory-confirmed cases was 4%.

The 14-day rolling average percentage of positive cases is 2.7%. Target is less than 8.0%.

The 7-day, daily average of tests is 10,755.

People with and without symptoms who are at higher risk for COVID-19 should be tested. Health care and essential workers should also get a test, as well as people who had close contact to a positive case or live in communities that are being highly impacted.

Cases:

380 new cases were confirmed among San Diego County residents Oct. 18. The region’s total is now 52,735.

3,770 or 7.1% of cases have required hospitalization through Oct. 18.

872 or 1.7% of all cases and 23.1% of hospitalized cases had to be admitted to an intensive care unit.

Deaths: No new COVID-19 deaths were reported in San Diego

County Oct. 18. The region’s total remains at 853.

Editor’s note: Through Oct. 17, Fallbrook has had 602 cases; Bonsall is at 50, Pala, 75 and Pauma Valley, 30.

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BUSINESS

First members selected for county’s new redistricting commission



Marvice Mazyck, chief deputy clerk of the San Diego board of supervisors, and Andrew Potter, clerk of the board, conduct random drawings for commission members.

Tracy DeFore
San Diego County Communications Office

Eight members of the San Diego County’s new Independent Redistricting Commission were selected during two random drawings at the Board of Supervisors’ meeting, Oct. 13.

Clerk of the board staff drew the names from a pool of 59 qualified applicants. Originally, there were 60 but one withdrew after he was accepted for another redistricting

commission. Nearly 300 people had applied to serve on the county’s volunteer commission.

The commission will redraw the boundaries for the county’s five supervisorial districts based on the new numbers in the federal census.

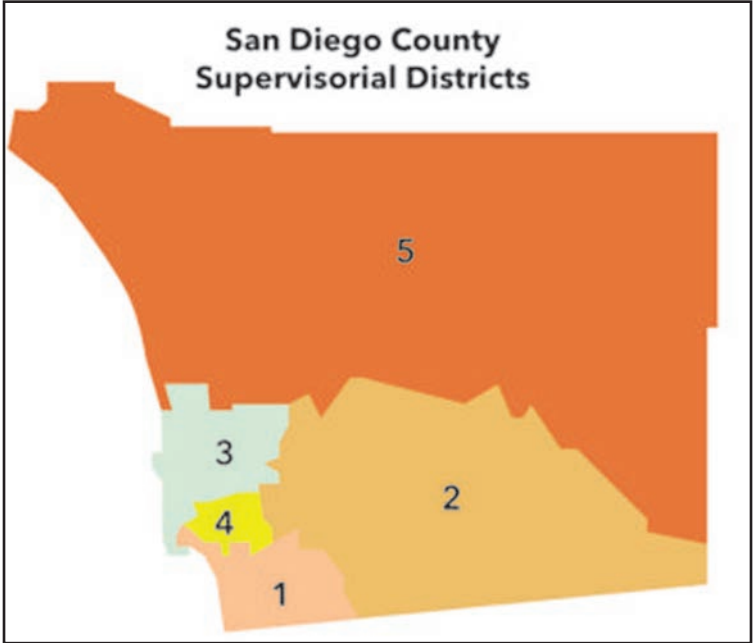
The 2020 census numbers will reveal new data on residents and whether one district is more populated than the others. Each supervisor should represent a diverse population of about 650,000 residents.

District lines can shape a

community’s ability to elect the representative of their choice. The commission will act independently of the board of supervisors.

The first random drawing at the Oct. 13 meeting selected one member from subpools for each of the five supervisorial districts. The second drawing added another three names from the pool of remaining applicants.

The eight new members are David Bame, John Russ, Amy Caterina, Barbara Hansen, Chris Chen, Colleen Brown, Arvid



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Larson and Sonia Diaz. Bame lives in District 1; Russ lives in District 2; Caterina is in District 3; Diaz, Hansen and Larson live in District 4, and Brown and Chen live in District 5.

The commissioners will meet to choose six more members from the remaining pool of the 51 most qualified applicants to round out a 14-member commission.

Once formed, the Redistricting Commission must hold at least seven public hearings with at least one hearing in each supervisorial

district. Other meetings, dates and times are at the discretion of the commission.

The group will review the new census data when it is released and start the process on redrawing new maps for the five supervisorial districts. The maps must be completed by Dec. 15, 2021.

For more information and to sign up for email updates, visit <http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/redistricting>.

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What to do in the emergency room after an accident

Andrew Zucker
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Imagine the worst of the worst: an emergency room visit. The ER has many implications, all of them “unfun,” but unfortunately that’s why I felt the need to discuss it. At The Zucker Law Firm, we prepare you for and help you through the worst. Let’s imagine a situation where you or a loved one has been in a car accident. Maybe it was serious enough to warrant an immediate emergency room visit. Maybe you’re going after the incident, to “cover your bases.” I’d like to note this move is a smart one and is vital to proving injuries were caused by the accident. Either way, it’s not a fun experience. ERs are hectic, uncomfortable and a time-consuming proposition. What can you do to pass the time while waiting?

Don’t give up and leave. The ER is chaotic, and it’s tempting to leave, if you think your injury isn’t serious. “I’ll be fine,”

you think because it beats waiting for hours. Having an official record of injuries and a timeline of care is vital not only to your health, but also for filing a claim with insurance or speaking with an attorney. If you forgo an exam, it can be used against you when seeking compensation.

Call someone to be with you or, better yet, take you to the ER.

If you’re at the ER to support someone else, you’re already “that” person. It’s good to have support while at the ER, as well as avoid putting yourself at risk if you’re feeling “out of it.” Another person can help identify pains in your interactions with a doctor or guide you through paperwork that will seem like overwhelming gibberish after you’ve been through a shock.

Create a timeline of events. A timeline is another reason having a second party with you is beneficial. The longer you wait after the accident, the more difficult it is to recall details. Adrenaline

helps keep a clear head after the incident, but that awareness will fade and can make memories hazy. You may not remember important details a week later, or even the next day. The ER affords you time, so document what happened while you can. It protects you later, whether with insurance or a lawsuit.

Tell your doctor you’ve been in an accident.

Sometimes people fail to mention what brought them to the ER. Doctors are versed in what to look for post-accident. It’s important to be up front and get proper care. At the same time, it will be part of your records. Keep things short: describe relevant details that will identify potential injuries. Did you hit your head? Did an arm or leg get twisted or pinned? Were you thrown against the seat belt? Many people wake up with aches and injuries days after the fact, resulting in delayed treatment and documentation. Use the ER waiting room to isolate

relevant details to share with the doctor.

There’s nothing fun about an accident, even less if you or a loved one is facing a serious or acute injury with long-term effects. Keep these tips in mind to be prepared if the unthinkable happens to you. Many car accidents are handled through insurance without issue – but if you’re feeling things are

getting out of hand, don’t hesitate to give us a call. The Zucker Law Firm will discuss your options and get things on track.

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FBI warns of potential charity fraud associated with the COVID-19 pandemic

WASHINGTON – Many Americans want to help during the COVID-19 pandemic by contributing to charities, but the FBI is warning that scammers also want to help – they want to help themselves to your money.

Nationwide, the FBI and other law enforcement agencies have received reports of scammers fraudulently soliciting donations for individuals, groups and areas affected by COVID-19. They are leveraging the COVID-19 pandemic to steal your money, your personal information or both. Don't let them.

Charity scams often occur when a scammer poses as a real charity or uses the name of a real charity to get money from you.

Be careful about giving money to any charity calling you for donations and be wary if you get a call about a donation pledge that you don't remember making. Remember, you can't always believe your caller ID. Scammers often spoof organizations' phone numbers. It's always best to research the organization telephone number yourself and call directly to verify. Do not be pressured or rushed to donate. That haste is a strong indicator of a scam.

Similarly, if you receive an email purporting to be from a charitable organization, do not click on links. These could be attempts to download viruses onto your computer or cellphone. Watch out for charity names which sound very similar to well-known charities, as well as email addresses that are not consistent with the charity soliciting donations. Instead, search for the charity using an internet search engine to ensure you're connected to the actual charitable organization.

The best way to protect yourself is by doing your research. Here are some tips on how to avoid becoming a victim of a charity fraud:

Do your homework when it comes to donations, whether you're donating through charities, social media or crowdfunding websites.

Look for online reviews of charity organizations or use information from your state's regulator of charities or from websites like the Better Business Bureau, Give.org, Charitynavigator.org or Charitywatch.org to check on the legitimacy of charitable organizations.

Before donating, ask how much of the donation will go toward the program or cause you want to support. Every organization has administrative costs, and it's important to understand those structures.

Never pay by gift card or wire transfer. Credit cards are safer.

After making a donation, be sure to review your financial accounts to ensure additional funds are not deducted or charged.

Always do your research before clicking on links purporting to provide information on the virus, purchasing COVID-19-related products online, or providing your personal information in order to receive money or other benefits.

The FBI has more tips at <http://fbi.gov/charityfraud>.

If you think you are a victim of a scam or attempted fraud involving COVID-19, report it to the FBI online at tips.fbi.gov and to FTC at [http://ftc.gov/complaint](https://ftc.gov/complaint).

Bond refunding will save taxpayers \$21.2 million

SAN MARCOS – Taxpayers in the Palomar Community College District will save \$21.2 million in future debt payments as a result of a bond refunding process that was completed on Thursday, Oct. 15.

In order to take advantage of uncommonly low interest rates, "We performed a careful analysis of how we might optimize savings to our taxpayers, and identified about \$200 million of Series C bonds that were eligible for refunding," said Yulian Ligioso, the acting assistant superintendent/interim vice president of Finance & Administrative Services at Palomar. "That represents an approximately 9.5% savings that will be reflected in property taxes over the life of the bonds."

The refinancing involves approximately \$200 million of bonds under Prop. M, the \$694 million capital improvement bond measure approved by voters in 2006. The transaction was approved by the Palomar College Governing Board with the adoption of a resolution at its Sept. 8 meeting.

"We are thrilled to be able to save our taxpayers such a significant amount of money in the coming years, thanks to the leadership of our governing board," said Interim Superintendent/President Dr. Jack Kahn. "Prop. M has completely revitalized Palomar's physical presence in North County, and this refunding allows us to take advantage of the lowest interest rates we've seen since the measure was passed."

"We are refinancing these loans that are held by the taxpayers in our district from 5% interest to about 2.7%" said Ligioso. "So, we are almost halving the interest, which has a significant impact on the debt service payments."

Ligioso added that there may be additional opportunities to refinance other Prop. M bonds, "if the market holds and the rates continue to stay this low."

Submitted by Palomar College.

LAFCO approves creation of new San Diego County Fire Protection District

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

San Diego County's Local Agency Formation Commission approved the creation of the San Diego County Fire Protection District.

LAFCO's board voted 8-Oct. 0 5 to remove the fire protection and emergency services latent powers from County Service Area No. 135, the San Diego County Regional Communications System, and to create a separate fire protection district.

"I'm impressed," said LAFCO executive officer Keene Simonds. "There was no pushback."

Although nobody spoke in opposition or submitted written comment against the separation of the two services, LAFCO law requires a protest hearing to be held for a governmental reorganization. That protest hearing will take place Nov. 6 outside the LAFCO office in San Diego. If sufficient protest signatures have not been submitted the final step will be to have the reorganization recorded. Simonds expects the necessary prerequisites to be completed by December, although if the affected agencies prefer a Jan. 1 effective date, the completion of the reorganization will take effect at the beginning of the calendar year.

County Service Area No. 135 was formed in 1994 and covers the entire unincorporated area of the county as well as several incorporated cities who have joined the 800 MHz communications system which allows emergency and public safety agencies to communicate with one another.

When the San Diego County Board of Supervisors and LAFCO created the San Diego County Regional Fire Authority in 2008 latent powers for fire protection and emergency medical services were authorized within a zone of CSA No. 135 so that the SDCRFA could be created without the process of forming a new district.

The creation brought territory not within the boundaries of a public agency but served by a volunteer fire department into the San Diego County Regional Fire Authority. In 2011, five county service areas responsible for fire protection and emergency medical services were consolidated into the SDCRFA.

The first fire protection districts to be dissolved and added to the SDCRFA boundaries were the Pine Valley and San Diego Rural districts, whose addition to the SDCRFA was approved in 2015. The Julian-Cuyamaca Fire Protection District board supported a consolidation and despite some public opposition that area became part of the SDCRFA in 2019.

Last year's actions also included removing the fire protection and emergency medical services latent powers from the Mootamai, Pauma, and Yuima water districts in Pauma Valley and making those areas part of the SDCRFA. The current territory of the fire service area is nearly 1.6 million acres and the estimated population is 50,476, including 24,474 registered voters.

A municipal service review evaluates an area's services and anticipated needs, and a sphere of influence study determines the boundaries best served by a particular agency. Both are prerequisites to any jurisdictional change other than an annexation of land within the existing sphere of influence, and LAFCO also conducts periodic municipal service review and sphere of influence updates for all cities and special districts.

On May 4, the LAFCO board considered a municipal service review for CSA No. 135 which was based on the periodic update calendar rather than on any annexation proposal, and an 8-0 vote approved the update including support for a recommendation that the SDCRFA be separated from the San Diego County Regional Communications System.

LAFCO's June 1 meeting included an 8-0 vote to set separate spheres of influences for the RCS and the SDCRFA. The LAFCO board can waive processing fees to incentivize a reorganization, and the board did that for the separation of the two CSA No. 135 functions.

On June 2, the board of supervisors voted 5-0 to adopt a resolution to initiate LAFCO proceedings to create the separate fire protection district and remove the latent powers from the County Service Area No. 135. "With the county coming forward with the proposal it just seemed to make sense," Simonds said.

The requirements for a reorganization include a property tax transfer resolution in which property tax revenue from the detached or dissolved territory is transferred to the agency which adds that territory. The county currently commits annual funding to the San Diego County Regional Fire Authority, and that funding was designated as the revenue for the new agency. "That amount will now be dedicated to the new fire protection district," Simonds said.

The current annual amount spent on the SDCRFA is approximately \$1.3 million. That figure is from property tax revenue only and does not include any grant awards.

The creation of a separate district means that the fire protection agency is no longer within a zone of a larger district. "It will have a stand-alone boundary," Simonds said.

The new agency's legal designation as a fire protection district will ensure that the agency's functions match its formal status. "It improves the governance connectivity," Simonds said.

In the November 2018 election, the county's voters amended the county charter to make fire and emergency medical services a designated county service, and the new agency reflects that. "Fire protection is now a committed service," Simonds said.

A fire protection district may include portions or even the entirety of an incorporated city, so if a city wishes to contract with the SDCRFA the regional agency could provide the coverage.

LAFCO staff conducted an analysis including public outreach before recommending approval of the separation of functions. "This is a very good thing. That's why it got such a strong recommendation from LAFCO staff," Simonds said.

The San Diego County Fire Protection District will be a dependent special district, meaning that the board of supervisors will be the board members. A dependent special district can have an advisory board with local residents (or first responders) and, as part of the consolidation process for the Pine Valley and San Diego Rural districts, the board of supervisors created the CSA No. 135 Fire Advisory Board in October 2014.

In 1999 LAFCO created the Task Force on Fire Protection Services Funding, which became unnecessary following the county's commitment to fire protection and emergency medical service. The activities of the task force included creating a detailed map providing response times to all locations. Simonds noted that the creation of the separate fire protection district allows for an update of that response service. "It's an opportunity for us to map out the next 10 to 15 year window," he said.

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Temecula Valley celebrates Craft Brew Month in October



TEMECULA – Visit Temecula Valley announced it is celebrating Craft Brew Month during October. With so many breweries in the region, this year the tourism organization collaborated with Explore Murrieta to include a Craft Beer Week that celebrates local beers and brew masters, Oct. 11-18. They held the Brew Masters Golf Tournament, Oct. 16. The activity combined beer tasting and golf in a safe, social distance setting.

Some beers featured this month include Refuge Brewery’s HellesYah! Bavarian Helles Style Lager with 5% ABV and 15 IBU, released in honor of Oktoberfest 2020; Stone Church Brewing’s Oktoberfest Marzen with 5.4% ABV and 23 IBU; Wiens Brewing Company’s Fortune Teller Mosaic IPA with 7% ABV, 65 IBU (serving takeout only); Garage Brewing Co’s Apple Pie Pale Ale with 5.4% ABV, and Batch Mead’s Do Pom, which is their sweetest carbonated mead made with pomegranates and local raspberry blossom honey, 10% ALC.

Visitors can always ask which

local craft beers are on the menu when dining at any of the restaurants within the destination. Some locations pouring Temecula-made craft beers include 1909, Avensole Winery, Baily’s Old Town Temecula, Bluewater Grill, Bolero Winery, Bottaia Winery, Cheesecake Factory, Cheflavor, Cork|Fire Kitchen, Cougar Winery, Crush & Brew, Devilicious Eatery, Donut Bar, Espadin, Frangipani Winery, Goat & Vine, Lucille’s Smokehouse BBQ, Mad Madeline’s Grill, Miramonte Winery, Mount Palomar Winery, Oak Mountain Winery, Old Town Blues Club, Peltzer Winery, Robert Renzoni Winery, Small Barn, South Coast Winery, Texas Lil’s Mesquite Grill, The Gambling Cowboy, Thornton Winery, Toast, Wilson Creek Winery and Yard House.

In celebration of Craft Brew Month, there are featured specials and activities at several of the breweries, including a fall pie series at Batch Mead, which includes four pie meads – boysenberry, cherry, strawberry rhubarb and apple; Refuge Brewery will have

Taco Tuesday on Thursdays with two tacos for \$5, and Stone Church will have Halloween festivities and their fifth annual Oktoberfest. A list of local breweries can be found at <http://VisitTemeculaValley.com>.

Several transportation companies offer private or small group brewery tours, including Aall in Limo, Executive VIP Shuttle, Grapeline, Little Bus Tours, Tour del Vino and Van Boozy. A list of transportation companies can be found at <http://VisitTemeculaValley.com>.

Temecula Valley is open and welcomes local visitors. The businesses have strict cleaning protocols to ensure everyone’s safety and comfort, meeting county and state requirements. Face masks are recommended when visiting.

Temecula Valley is a popular Southern California destination that includes Temecula Valley Wine Country, Old Town Temecula and Pechanga Resort Casino. In 2019, Wine Enthusiast named it a 10 Best Wine Travel Destination. Visit Temecula Valley is the

region’s official tourism marketing organization and resource for visitors. For visitor information and assistance, call 888-363-2852 or go to <http://VisitTemeculaValley.com>.

For more Craft Brew Month

specials and updated information, see <http://VisitTemeculaValley.com/craft-brew-month>.

Submitted by Visit Temecula Valley.

Wine Country Calendar of Events

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23	
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Craft Faire, Maurice Car’rie Winery
11 a.m. to 8 p.m.	Pumpkin Farm, Peltzer Family Cellars
1-2:30 p.m.	Behind the Scenes Wine Tour, South Coast Winery
3-5:30 p.m.	Happy Hour, Vineyard Rose, South Coast Winery
5-8 p.m.	Karaoke Night: Halloween Edition, Masia de la Vinya
5-8 p.m.	Fall Evenings, Wilson Creek Winery
6-9 p.m.	Live Music, Those Guys!, Lorimar Winery
7:30-9:30 p.m.	Drive-in Movie Night, “Halloween,” Akash Winery
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24	
9 a.m. to 8 p.m.	Pumpkin Farm, Peltzer Family Cellars
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Craft Faire, Maurice Car’rie Winery
3:30-5:30 p.m.	Happy Hour, Vineyard Rose, South Coast Winery
5-8 p.m.	Fall Evenings, Wilson Creek Winery
6-9 p.m.	Live Music, Totally 80s Band, Lorimar Winery
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25	
9-10 a.m.	Sunday Yoga + Wine, Akash Winery
9 a.m. to 8 p.m.	Pumpkin Farm, Peltzer Family Cellars
10-11 a.m.	Yoga in the Vines, Avensole Winery
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Craft Faire, Maurice Car’rie Winery
11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Dog Day Sundays, Carol’s Restaurant at Baily Winery
Noon to 3 p.m.	Live Music, Woody and the Harrelsons, Lorimar Winery
3:30-5:30 p.m.	Happy Hour, South Coast Winery
7:30-9:30 p.m.	Drive-in Movie Night, “Hocus Pocus,” Akash Winery

UPCOMING:
Oct. 27 and Oct. 29 is Pumpkin Painting at Peltzer Winery at 4:30 p.m.

Learn characteristics of 4 popular wine varietals

TEMECULA – Small businesses suffered considerable losses when stay-at-home measures were implemented to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The food and beverage industry was hit especially hard, with one report from the National Restaurant Association estimating that industrywide losses in sales would be as high as \$240 billion by the end of 2020.

While restaurant owners and their employees bore the brunt of those losses, local beverage providers, including craft breweries and wineries, suffered as well. Many consumers resolved to support local businesses as best they could, placing orders for delivery and curbside pickup. Consumers who are unaccustomed to ordering wine to enjoy at home can benefit from a rundown of the characteristics of these four popular varietals, each of which is available for purchase at a local winery.

Cabernet Sauvignon

Widely available and incredibly popular, cabernet sauvignons are typically bold wines that are rich in flavor. Cabernet sauvignons are derived from a full-bodied red grape, which is why they are often described as “full-bodied.” Tannins are a naturally occurring polyphenol found in plants and seeds that are predominantly in red wines, and those in cabernet sauvignons are bold. Some cabernet sauvignons elicit tastes similar to baking spices, while others may taste more like black cherry or black currant.

Pinot Noir

Another popular, widely available varietal, pinot noirs boast a



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low tannin finish that gives them a fruity taste reminiscent of cherry or cranberry. Pinot noirs are light-bodied and smooth. The alcohol content in pinot noirs tends to be lower than that of a typical cabernet sauvignon.

Riesling

Rieslings are white wines that are popular thanks in large part to their sweetness and floral, citrus taste. Rieslings are a go-to option when pairing wines with certain ethnic cuisine, including Indian, Thai and Vietnamese dishes. Some rieslings can be dry, so wine enthusiasts looking for rieslings for their sweetness may want to speak with a representative at the winery to ensure they’re getting the wine they want.

Merlot

Another wildly popular red wine, merlots have an extensive flavor profile. Some merlots may produce a taste reminiscent of black cherries, while others may provide strong hints of cocoa. Merlots are typically made in a dry style, and they are easily mistaken for cabernet sauvignons.

Wine tastings are great ways for novices to get a feel for certain varietals. While in-person tastings may not be possible in areas where stay-at-home measures are still in place, consumers are urged to contact their local wineries to determine if they provide sample bottles to customers looking to get a feel for wine.

Temecula Cable Car wine tours opens

TEMECULA – Motivated by his love of fine wines and entertainment, Nightly Spirits founder Jared Broach announced the purchase of Temecula Cable Car Wine Tours. Wine lovers can enjoy an evening out aboard the tour company’s authentic 1914 motorized San Francisco cable cars.

After establishing Nightly Spirits’ ghost tours, haunted food tours and creepy pub crawl company in cities around the U.S., Broach said he saw an opportunity to put his passions and experience to good use in a unique setting with a distinct appeal.

“Some of my favorite things in

life are wine, California and giving guests incredible experiences they’ll never forget,” Broach said. “Cable cars and wine are integral to what California is, so it seemed like a great fit.”

Temecula Cable Car wines offers several private and group wine tours as well as a Nightly Spirits Haunted Cable Car Tour. Guests enjoy a flight of frightfully delicious brews at Black Market, one of the city’s first craft breweries, before jumping in an open-air cable car to feast on scary origin stories of the once Wild West Town. This ghost tour provides a family entertainment option as

it is open to all but must be 21 or older to drink.

Tickets for the cable car tour start at \$120, including wines and lunch. Nightly Spirits Cable Car tours start at \$25 for children under 21 and \$35 for 21 and older. Larger groups looking for adventure can book the “Boos and Booze” package where tickets start at \$55 per person.

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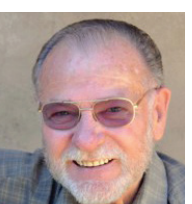
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