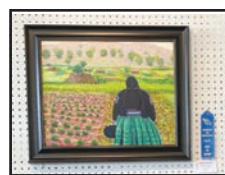


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## Pipeline construction to cause shutdowns

FPUD's next step is to tie the new segment of pipe into the existing water main at Mission Road. Doing this will involve several planned shutdowns in the vicinity of Palomino and McDonald roads, during November through the end of February.

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## Four newcomers elected to FCPG

As of Nov. 9, with 43,000 outstanding ballots county-wide, the election results for the Fallbrook Community Planning Group place four incumbents and four newcomers on the advisory group. New to the group are Thomas Harrington, Ann Strahan, Ross Pike and Jacqueline Kaiser.

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## Plans to open classrooms up in the air

Fallbrook Union Elementary School District administrators were hoping to send some students back to classrooms four days a week at the end of this month, although those hopes may be dashed if San Diego County heads back into the "purple" tier of the state's coronavirus reopening plan.

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# SOS to save Fallbrook public art answered

FALLBROOK – Many generous residents of Fallbrook answered the call for help to maintain the over 30 pieces of public art provided to the community by Fallbrook Arts, Inc. "Main Street Circa 1920," the work of art most needing repair, is now in the process of being restored. The entire community is grateful to the 21 donors who helped make the work possible.

Several other pieces of public art are also in need of maintenance. So, residents are asked to consider any amount they can donate and know that in doing so, they are a part of the stewardship of Fallbrook's public art.

To make a donation, go to [www.fallbrookartinpublicplaces.org](http://www.fallbrookartinpublicplaces.org), click on the "Support Us" tab, then "I want to support Public Art," or make a check payable to Fallbrook Arts, Inc. and mail it to 103 S. Main Ave. Fallbrook, CA 92028. (Write SOS in the memo.) Donors can also call 760-731-9584 to make a donation.

Art in Public Places is one of three projects governed by

see *ART*, page A-5



Artists from Jim's Sign Shop restore the historic "Main Street Circa 1920" mural on Alvarado Street just east of Main Avenue.

Village News/Courtesy photo

## Six local nonprofits given Neighborhood Reinvestment Program funding

Joe Naiman  
Village News Reporter

The Fallbrook Historical Society, the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce, the Fallbrook Center for the Arts, the Armed Services YMCA, Hope Clinic for Women and the Fallbrook Village Association were allocated Neighborhood Reinvestment Program grants during the Oct. 27 San Diego County Board of Supervisors meeting.

The supervisors' 5-0 vote allocated \$50,000 to the Fallbrook Historical Society, \$36,000 for the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce, \$20,000 to the Fallbrook Center for the Arts, \$15,000 for the Armed Services YMCA, \$10,000 to the Hope Clinic for Women and \$9,000 to the Fallbrook Village Association.

The grants also included

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The Fallbrook Historical Society is partnering with the Fallbrook Village Association to create Fallbrook Railroad Park; both organizations have received Neighborhood Reinvestment Program grants.

Village News/Lucette Mormarco photo

## Fallbrook Food Pantry recognizes volunteers

FALLBROOK – The Fallbrook Food Pantry recently announced its 2020 Volunteers of the Year, Eufemia Carreno and Mike Bermudez.

Eufemia Carreno is an outstanding volunteer who has tirelessly contributed to Fallbrook Food Pantry since 2013. In addition to daily responsibilities, she enjoys making lunch for fellow volunteers. See her story below on why she loves giving back to the community

Mike Bermudez is a steadfast and dedicated volunteer who has been a driver for the food pantry since 2010. He picks up food from local markets and delivers food to the homebound. He likes the happy work environment of the pantry and looks forward to it each time he comes in, which is about 2-4 times per week.

At the same time, board member Young Milton has been recognized as the North County Philanthropy Council 2020 Volunteer of the Year. Milton has been a volunteer with the Fallbrook Food Pantry

see *PANTRY*, page A-7



Fallbrook Food Pantry volunteers honored for their service are, from left, Young Milton, Eufemia Carreno and Mike Bermudez.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Food drive to benefit Fallbrook Food Pantry



Announcing an upcoming food drive are, from left, Fallbrook Food Pantry board president Dale Mitchell, Regency Fallbrook community relations director Michelle Way and Yogurt Palace owner Cindy Avina.

FALLBROOK – Regency Fallbrook announced its upcoming food drive will benefit the community through the Fallbrook Food Pantry. On Tuesday, Nov. 17, Regency, 609 E. Elder St., will accept canned food and non-perishable items from the community between noon and 4 p.m. As an additional incentive, the Yogurt Palace is donating a free frozen yogurt to the first 50 contributors. For those unavailable to donate Tuesday, donations will be accepted until Nov. 9.

Submitted by the Fallbrook Food Pantry

## Avoid recycling mistakes with free webinar

SAN DIEGO – I Love a Clean San Diego is hosting a free webinar Wednesday, Nov. 18, from 4-5 p.m. about common recycling mistakes and how to avoid them. The virtual, family-friendly event is free, but attendees must register beforehand.

Register for this event at <http://lowcleansd.org/recycling>.  
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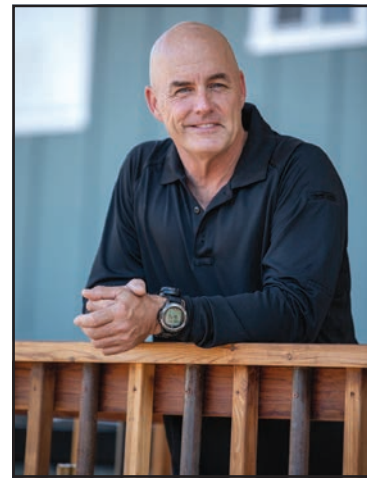
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# LOCAL

## Kennedy looks poised to fill NCFPD District 1 seat



Village News/Courtesy photo

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

Jeff Pack  
Staff Writer

Veteran Vista fire captain David Kennedy held a large lead over challenger Lee J. De Meo in the race to represent District 1 on the North County Fire Protection District Board of Directors as of 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6.

Kennedy garnered 9% of the vote in the district, outdistancing De Meo by a total of 1,000 votes to 300.

San Diego County reported Friday that 305,000 ballots had yet to be processed throughout the county and planned to certify the election on Dec. 3.

Kennedy will likely join unopposed candidates Jeff Egkan in District 4 and Cindy Acosta in District 5 on the board of directors that saw the retirement of Ruth Harris, Bob Hoffman, and Fred Luevano.

De Meo, though, will likely fall short in this race, seems to be on track to join the Fallbrook Community Planning Group. He previously served as a trustee on the Fallbrook Union High School District Board of Trustees.

Kennedy said he was grateful to the community for giving him the ability to represent them.

"The support from the community and people around me, it's just, it's overwhelming," Kennedy said in a phone call. "It really feels nice."

"I'm going to be very aware of the community's needs by trying to

put on at least quarterly meetings, as an open communal meeting to ask how we're doing and what we can do to improve their services that they're getting."

He said he has some priorities when he joins the board.

"I would say the most important topics are going to be obviously service to the community and improving what we have throughout the North County Fire Protection District," Kennedy said. "It's a very, very good fire department that just needs a little bit of an upgrade on some of their outfitting and some of their stations. Some of them are kind of deteriorating, so we're gonna work really hard as a board to try to make these things happen."

"Then service to the people, there are different delivery models for the medic units coming to their door and for providing full safety personnel. Hopefully we can upgrade some of that stuff and get more people on the ground for the people in Fallbrook. It's a growing community and we've noticed an uptick in calls lately."

He said he has talked to at least one of his new director members.

"I have spoken to Jeff (Egkan) and I have not spoken to Cindy (Acosta) yet, but I spent some time talking to Jeff. He's a highly intelligent, high-functioning guy and has a lot of experience working in capacities for organizations like this," he said. "And I think that with his assistance, we're going to be able to find a way to fund the department in needs that are needed such as facilities and whatnot with some of his background. I look forward to collaborating with him on that. That's a little out of my field."

"I know fire, I know what it takes to run a department and to serve the people. I don't really know a lot about the financial end of it. I'm going to learn a lot about how to be fiscally responsible but there has to be a way to augment funding for the department. I think that that's one of the leading issues that we're going to be working toward. It's going to kind of be 'hit the ground running' so to speak right out of the gate, trying to organize some things and move forward for North County Fire Protection District."

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# OPINIONS

## Remembering some friends, Nov. 11, 2020

At this time of year, it is good to remember friends and neighbors who served our nation. So take some time to refresh your memory of these neighbors and the many more not named here.

Let's start with those from 1940 first. Remember Hedi Roripaugh? She joined the Women's Army Corps in 1940 and served in the European theater after D-day in 1944. How about Wil Smythe, aircrewman in Torpedo Squadron 10, flying TBMs from two different carriers and participating in several naval battles.

Harry Davies joined the Navy in 1943; he got the Silver Star for minesweeping operations in Wonsan Harbor in the Korean War. He later commanded two vessels and several shore stations. You can't forget the tall Gordon Raver, another carrier sailor, who directed aircraft movement on the flight deck of the Bunker Hill.

Then there's Bernie Thompson who was an Air Corps bombardier aboard B17s in the last years of World War II and who later achieved designation as pilot and flew bombers in the Strategic Air Command in the Korean War years. He had an interval between bombardier and pilot in which he returned to university under the GI Bill.

If you volunteered at the Fallbrook Hospital, you'll remember the always friendly Ned Daily. He survived the withdrawal of the freezing Marines from the Chosin Reservoir. You can't forget the U.S. Air Force recruiting poster and the man in it was Will Gordon, who went on to fly F86s. In later years, he was very active in the Civil Air Patrol, including Fallbrook's own 87 Squadron.

In 1953, Jack Dunckel flew Skyraiders off the deck of the Boxer in missions over North Korea as a member of VF-194 in the Korean War the Cold War commenced in 1947 and lasted to the disintegration of the Soviet Union in 1989.

Enter David Obuhanych, Marine, linguist and spy. In 1965, he was detailed to a Military Liaison Mission in Soviet-controlled East Germany and was informed by letter of his promotion to Major there. He, his wife Jane and their two children, Ellen and Michael, lived in Potsdam. After this and another MLM, he continued on a more conventional Marine career, went to Vietnam in 1968 and returned to the First Marine Division, retiring in 1985. There are amazing heroes among us; you should get to know them and their legends.

John Watson

## Coping with stress



Assemblymember Marie Waldron AD-75 (R)

This has been a tough year for all of us. The ongoing Covid-19 pandemic has resulted in business shutdowns, growing unemployment and extreme economic distress, along with related public health/mental health impacts for thousands.

And now, the drawn-out election aftermath and the fast approaching

holiday season will be adding to what's already been one of the most stressful years in decades. Stress and anxiety levels are going through the roof.

We all cope with stress differently, but there are generally agreed upon methods we all can use to keep stress in check. Among these are limiting the amount of time we spend listening to news sources, maintaining supporting relationships with friends and family, eating right, avoiding excessive food and alcohol, and getting plenty of exercise, if we're able.

If stress or anxiety is interfering with daily life, contacting care providers may help. In addition, there are many resources available to help people cope.

I'm listing just a few below:

- National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 800-273-8255
- California Youth Crisis Line: 800-843-5200
- Teen Line: 800-852-8336
- Disaster Distress Helpline: 800-985-5990
- Veterans Crisis Line: 800-273-

- 8255
- LGBT National Hotline: 800-273-8255
- National Domestic Violence Hotline: 800-799-7233
- Victims of Crime Resource Center: 800-842-8467
- Substance Abuse/Mental Health Services National Helpline: 800-662-4357

### For First Responders:

- Fire/EMS Helpline: 888-731-FIRE
- COPLINE: 800-267-5463
- Iverson Foundation for Active Awareness
- For older Californians
- Friendship Line: 888-670-1360
- Aging and Adult Information Line: 800-510-2020

For a more complete list of resources available, please visit: <https://covid19.ca.gov/resources-for-emotional-support-and-well-being/>

Taking care of mental health is just as important as taking care of physical health. I hope these resources are helpful for you and your loved ones.

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## Re: 'Scouts donate chocolate to seniors' [Village News, 10/29/20]

Thank you for publishing the photo of me when I delivered candy bars to the seniors at the Regency Retirement Community on Oct. 17. Our troop has given a total of 760 candy bars altogether to our Fallbrook seniors.

We learned that the seniors and staff members really enjoyed getting them. We are really happy that they did. Many of the seniors are veterans and are very important to us.

Our Boy Scout Troop 731 is still very active even during the pandemic. Our scoutmaster, David Creamer, has led our troop with many online events. Using Zoom, we continue to have such activities as virtual campouts, merit badge classes and weekly troop meetings. When the pandemic ends, we will get back to our usual outdoor activities such as overnight campouts, hiking and summer camps.

I have been in scouting for six years and I recommend scouting for boys and girls up to age 18. It is a lot of fun and you will learn a lot of things like first aid, survival, camping and you will make many friends. Our troop is chartered by and will meet after the pandemic ends at St. Peter the Apostle Parish in Fallbrook.

For more information about Troop 731, please visit our troop website at <https://www.troop731fallbrook.org>. It is easy to join.

Leo Preston  
Star Scout  
Sullivan Middle School

## It's finally over



Supervisor Jim Desmond Fifth District

No more TV commercials, no more opening up your mailbox to 20 different mailers from

candidates, no more political signs, the 2020 election has come to a close, sort of.

At the time of writing this, 64.4% of the votes have been counted in San Diego County and over 95% of the votes have been counted at the state. While some races are too close to call, it looks like there will be three new members on the Board of Supervisors.

I look forward to working with Nora Vargas, Terra Lawson-Remer and either Joel Anderson or Steve Vaus (race too close to call at this point). While there's a lot of excitement around elections, my priorities will not change, no matter who my colleagues are.

2020 has been a year unlike any other. The county has dipped into its reserves for the first time in a

very long time. One of my top priorities will be replenishing that reserve back to what it used to be.

There are currently 200,000 San Diegans still out of work and many businesses barely hanging on. I'm going to continue to fight to open businesses and get people back to work, safely. I believe we can do it; people want to do it; we just need to give them the chance.

Finally, my last focus will be the same as it's been for the first two years in office, streets, roads, infrastructure and safety. We must provide those four necessities to all San Diegans, no matter if you live in the city or unincorporated area.

I am glad to see the 2020 election in the rearview, now it's time to get back to work!

## Hunter Biden and the three little laptops

Once upon a time, a near-blind shop keeper received three laptop computers for repair. He believes they're the property of Hunter Biden because one had a Beau Biden Foundation sticker on it. He wrote up a repair ticket, got a deposit, and got a number to call when the repair was done.

The problem so far? Unless you're strapped for cash, when your computer fails, what you don't do is try to get it repaired: you buy a new one, upgrading in the process. And, if you have sensitive data on the failed computer, you take it to a data retrieval specialist who can assure your private data remains private.

But to continue the fairy tale, Hunter apparently forgot about the computers and never checked back with the shopkeeper. Hunter may

be many things, but I don't believe stupid is one of them. Sensitive data on a computer is comparable to having all your eggs in one basket. Common sense says tend that basket very carefully.

Given that any of the foregoing took place, the shopkeeper was unable to reach anyone at the telephone number he was provided. So, after a grace period, ownership of the physical computers was forfeited to the shopkeeper. But not the intellectual property contained therein.

The shopkeeper violated business ethics by not erasing the hard drives or physically rendering them unreadable. He further breached business ethics by appropriating the intellectual property for himself.

And of course, he felt obligated

to send a copy of the hard disc contents to President Trump's personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, and gave the computers to the FBI.

Months later (in October to be specific) Giuliani offered the New York Post materials for publication that included what Giuliani considered a "smoking gun:" the allegation that: "Hunter Biden introduced his father, then-Vice President Joe Biden, to a top executive at a Ukrainian energy firm less than a year before the elder Biden pressured government officials in Ukraine into firing a prosecutor who was investigating the company..." That was Giuliani's notion of an "October surprise," but not anyone else's.

Basically, this tale doesn't pass the sniff test. It smells fishy because it is fishy. Even the reporter who wrote most of the New York Post article refused to put his name on it. It's no wonder the major media took a pass on it.

John H. Terrell

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## Can anyone trust Trump?

Are we missing the boat by watching the vote counts? We are in the midst of COVID-19. A major pandemic. Do we really believe Trump actually had this disease? Or did he fake us all out by hiring actor 'doctors' to show how easy it was for him to get well? How could anyone possibly trust this man?

Ann Harter

Editor's Note: The Village News published an interview addressing the challenges of pub owner Paul Little with depression, anxiety, isolation, and suicidal thoughts on 10/8/2020. We were contacted recently by unnamed family members in the story who deny some of the statements made by Mr. Little in the story.

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# OPINION

## A picture is worth a thousand words



A rainbow shines over the flag on the Daily Village News/Jonathan Arbel photo family ranch in De Luz Saturday, Nov. 7, in this photo from Jonathan Arbel.

**Julie Reeder**  
Publisher

This week our American system of checks and balances is working the way it is supposed to, and legal challenges, whistleblowers, etc. are having their day in court. In addition, there was a record number of people who voted.

It is all good news. Several news agencies declared the winner before the counting was complete, but soon enough the winner will be apparent, official, and no matter who wins, we should all be on the same side and work together.

This week in the midst of the turmoil of the election, many people in our community were blessed by Jonathan Arbel's photo, taken in the morning of Saturday, Nov 7, in De Luz while we were enjoying the rain.

Here's what he said about his experience posting the photo, "The photograph seems to have sparked something in lots of people, by all the comments on social media, it seems to have captured a collective feeling that we all felt that day. It meant so many different things to so many different people, it totally caught us off guard. One of my biggest takeaways was that out of hundreds of Facebook comments and almost two thousand likes and a ton of shares, the comments and feedback was all positive and beyond. How often does that happen on social media?"

It evoked emotion in the community.

The caption under the photo read, "Mother Nature just got the memo, her timing was impeccable. 8:26 a.m. 11/07/2020."

It was a good day for him and his wife, and they were hopeful and ecstatic.

For me, it was a reminder of how beauty is all around us. I loved that there was an American flag in the middle of it.

According to Arbel, the flag is on their neighbor's property, the Daily family ranch, and it's made of flowers and paint. It's so great.

No matter how the next few weeks shake out, we still will live in a great community with amazing people who may think differently than we do, but they are great people and let's continue to talk and discuss the topics of the day over a nice meal. And appreciate all the lovely gifts we've been given in each other and in our amazing community and country.

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## Four incumbents and four newcomers elected to FCPG

**Lucette Moramarco**  
Associate Editor

As of Nov. 9, with 43,000 outstanding ballots county-wide, the election results for the Fallbrook Community Planning Group place four incumbents and four newcomers on the advisory group. The incumbents reelected

are Roy Moosa, Stephani Baxter, Jack Wood and Lee De Meo. New to the group are Thomas Harrington, Ann Strahan, Ross Pike and Jacqueline Kaiser.

Those not elected were incumbents Jim Loge and Jerry Kalman along with newcomer Collin Stephens. There is still one seat, which was not up for election,

that is vacant. Interested residents can contact Jack Wood for an application, 760-715-3359.

The newly elected will be installed at the January meeting. The November meeting is on Monday, Nov. 16, 7 p.m. For Zoom directions, see the planning group's agenda on page C-7.

## ART

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Fallbrook Arts Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. The project is designed to create artistic harmony between the buildings, landscaping and open spaces in Fallbrook.

Its purpose is to serve the people of the community and visitors by bringing art into their daily lives with murals and sculpture. The goal of APP is to stimulate the vitality and economy of Fallbrook through cultural tourism and to enhance its standing as a regional leader in the arts.

Fallbrook Arts, Inc. is located at 103 S. Main Ave. For more information, go to [fallbrookartsinc.org](http://fallbrookartsinc.org) or call 760-731-9584.

Submitted by Fallbrook Arts, Inc.

The "Main Street Circa 1920" is now restored to its original state, courtesy of Jim's Sign Shop and donors to Fallbrook Arts, Inc.

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Members of the Daring Greatly band perform in a live concert at "Stagecoach Sunday Uploaded" event held virtually Sept. 28 through Oct. 4 on the Fallbrook Land Conservancy's website.

FALLBROOK – For the Fallbrook Land Conservancy, a local nonprofit that owns and manages more than 3,000 acres of preserves and trails in the community, the onset of the pandemic brought to a halt many of its member traditions.

As the group adapted to the "new normal," according to Susan Liebes, chairwoman of the FLC's board of directors, meetings were held via Zoom, and social events such as their Emerald Grove reception for members were cancelled. Volunteers at preserves continue to wear masks and practice social distancing.

In lieu of Stagecoach Sunday, the group's annual fall fundraiser celebrated on the grounds of the historic Palomares House for more than 30 years, a week-long series of virtual events was held.

Despite a year that has often been clouded with uncertainty, there is a silver lining for the FLC, observed Liebes. "Seeing the steep increase in visitors to our preserves since the pandemic has closed so many other recreational opportunities has illustrated how important our trails are to the community," she said, noting a greater appreciation among visitors to Monserate Mountain, Los Jilgueros and other FLC preserves.

"We are proud to be a place of refuge for people seeking physical and mental wellness and hope everyone who enjoys our preserves will support us as we continue to protect open spaces," she added.

Liebes acknowledged that this year has been "a challenge for our organization, as it has been for most nonprofits," she said. "While we really missed being able to welcome the community

and see our friends and neighbors in person at this year's Stagecoach Sunday, we so appreciate all the supporters who joined us online."

The online event, called "Stagecoach Sunday Uploaded," raised an estimated \$26,700 in critical funds supporting the group's mission of preserving the natural beauty of the Fallbrook area, according to Karla Standridge, the FLC's executive director.

Sponsored by the San Diego Foundation, the fundraiser was held on the group's website from Sept. 28 through Oct. 4, with live wildlife demonstrations from Pacific Animal Productions, tours of the FLC's local nature preserves, and a concert showcasing the popular local band Daring Greatly. Winners of a "Go Wild!" photo contest were also announced.

"Thank you to everyone who helped make this unique Stagecoach Sunday a success by donating or joining the FLC, performing or planning the event," said Liebes, who is especially grateful for the volunteer efforts of Ashley Stein Araiza, SCS chair, and members of her committee.

With the holidays fast approaching, the FLC will forgo its traditional member gathering in December. Instead, there will be a holiday Zoom event on Wednesday, Dec. 9, where participants can learn about the reptiles and amphibians that inhabit local preserves.

Olive Hill Greenhouses, a longtime supporter of Stagecoach Sunday, has also generously donated several anthurium plants to be given to new members. The plants will be available for pickup at the Palomares House through December or while supplies last. Volunteers are also welcome at

work parties for the FLC's Native Plant Restoration Team, which meets at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday mornings at Los Jilgueros Preserve. In addition, Volunteer Days are held on the first Saturday of each month at Monserate Mountain Preserve.

Individuals interested in working with the Save Our Forest committee on a variety of projects are encouraged to sign up via the FLC website's SOF link.

It's also not too late to support the FLC. Individuals are invited to join, renew or upgrade their memberships, or become a corporate partner. Even those who missed "Stagecoach Sunday Uploaded" can still watch an "encore presentation" at <http://www.fallbrooklandconservancy.org/stagecoachsunday>.

Sponsors are also needed to help with restoration of the Wildlife Sculpture Garden, which is located at the Palomares House and Park and houses one of the largest collections of native wildlife sculptures in San Diego County.

Beverly Tucker, a volunteer and longtime FLC supporter, spearheaded the revitalization project at the garden starting with a summer cleanup event in August, followed by the installation of new irrigation. Tucker is currently seeking individuals or organizations to help in the redesign and planting of new landscaping in the garden with a focus on each of its seven different wildlife sculptures.

For more information about the FLC, visit <http://www.fallbrooklandconservancy.org>.

Submitted by the Fallbrook Land Conservancy.



Winner of the "Scenic" category in the FLC's "Go Wild!" photo contest is a scene captured by Karen Portner at the Palomares House, Wildlife Sculpture Garden.



Second place winner in the "Wildlife" category is a photo taken by Dori Sendig at Los Jilgueros Preserve.



Winner of the "Birds" category is a photo taken by Bertram Barth at Los Jilgueros Preserve. More photos of contest winners can be viewed at <https://www.fallbrooklandconservancy.org/stagecoachsunday>

# Waldron likely to retain 75th State Assembly seat

Jeff Pack  
Staff Writer

Incumbent 75th District Assemblywoman Marie Waldron, R-Escondido, was holding a strong lead in her reelection bid against behavioral health care provider Karen "Kate" Schwartz as of Saturday, Nov. 7.

While the race started neck-and-neck, results tallied by Friday night showed Waldron holding a 53.4% to 46.6% lead over Schwartz.

Waldron received 97,134 votes to Schwartz' 84,712.

Waldron took about 56% of the vote during the March primary, versus Schwartz, who earned nearly 38%.

According to San Diego County, "approximately 317,000 vote-by-mail and 25,000 provisional ballots still must be processed. Ballots that are postmarked on or before Election Day also remain to be counted."

The election will be officially

certified on Dec. 3.

Waldron, who prior to her election to the seat in 2012, served on the city of Escondido city council for more than a decade, now serves as the state Assembly minority leader, a position she has held for the past two years.

Schwartz has been a behavioral health care provider for the past 35 years and serves on the Fallbrook Regional Health District Board.

The 75th District covers much of northern San Diego County, including Escondido, Fallbrook and San Marcos, and also covers Temecula in Riverside.

Waldron's office did not respond for comment as of Saturday morning, but she did address questions posed by the newspaper in the weeks leading up to the election.

When asked how she can make an impact in her district, considering the political and social climate in the country, Waldron said, "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," she said. "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), healthcare and education need deliberate and non-political solutions. These policy discussions



Republican incumbent Marie Waldron is favored to win reelection to the California State Assembly District 75 seat she has held since 2012.

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."

Waldron said as a small business owner for 25 years, she can help support and build the local economy during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I understand how government action, inaction and regulation can take its toll," she said. "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."

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\$11,000 to the Vista Skatepark Coalition which produces the Miss Bonsall pageant as well as the Miss Vista pageant and \$57,000 to the Sheriff's Department for its RESPECT project. The action also amended a previous grant agreement with the North County Community Emergency Response Team so that the money can be used for other purposes.

The Neighborhood Reinvestment Program provides grants to nonprofit organizations for the furtherance of public purposes at the regional and community levels. In addition to nonprofit organizations, county supervisors can also fund schools and fire departments, and supervisors can also use money from their budgets to supplement other county funding for specific county projects such as parks, roads and libraries.

Each county supervisor recommends the allocation of his or her Neighborhood Reinvestment Program funds, although those allocations must be approved by a majority of the board. The grants to the Greater Fallbrook organizations were from the District Five budget of Supervisor Jim Desmond.

The Fallbrook Historical Society was founded in 1976. The society operates a museum, a barn with agricultural displays, a gem and mineral display, the historic Pittenger House, which was once the residence of Civil War hero William Pittenger, and the Reche School building, which was at one time Fallbrook's only school.

The historical society conducts more than 2,000 tours each year, and the Fallbrook Historical Society has also partnered with the Fallbrook Village Association to explain the historical significance of the caboose at Fallbrook Railroad Park and to provide tours of the caboose.

The Neighborhood Reinvestment Program money will be used to help the Fallbrook Historical Society replace the museum roof, to repair damage caused by termites, fungus, or dry rot, to replace obsolete air conditioner components, to seal and stripe the Hill Avenue parking lot and to install an automated gate to improve safety and public access.

The Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce was incorporated in 1949. Its mission is to support local businesses and improve the community by promoting economic growth. The chamber's activities include member services, cooperative partnerships, legislative advocacy and cultural and educational events which attract visitors or improve the abilities of Greater Fallbrook businesses and individuals. The chamber has created a farmers market which supports local farms and other businesses while also making the acquisition of food easier for Fallbrook residents. The Neighborhood Reinvestment Program allocation will help fund trash containers, canopies, signage, portable sinks and marketing materials for the Fallbrook Farmers Market.

Fallbrook Center for the Arts Inc. utilizes art and arts education to bring visitors to Fallbrook and to expand the arts experience for Fallbrook residents. The Fallbrook Center for the Arts operates the Fallbrook Art Center on South Main Avenue and the Fallbrook School of Arts on East Alvarado Street and the organization also manages the Fallbrook Art in Public Places program. The Neighborhood Reinvestment Program grant will help fund the replacement of a heat pump system, the removal of leaking ducting, roof repairs, security cameras and monitor installation, energy-efficient lights and chairs at the two buildings.

The Armed Services YMCA on U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton has provided activity for Marine Corps and Navy personnel and their family members since 1943 and currently caters to approximately 42,000 people. The objective of the YMCA branch is to enhance the lives of military members and their families with programs relevant to the challenges of military life and more than 20 programs are provided. The Neighborhood Reinvestment

Program allocation will help the Armed Services YMCA purchase toys and bicycles for Camp Pendleton's holiday events.

Hope Clinic for Women was established in 2005 and is a nonprofit organization which offers pregnancy services at no charge for women between the ages of 14 and 24. The closure of Fallbrook Hospital eliminated gynecology and obstetrics services at that site and increased demand for services from the Hope Clinic for Women. The Neighborhood Reinvestment Program funding will help support the clinic's cost to provide free primary care.

The Fallbrook Village Association promotes the economic, physical and cultural revitalization of Fallbrook's village area. The activities of the Fallbrook Village Association include managing the Pico Promenade. The Fallbrook Village Association decided signs and barriers were necessary for the Pico Promenade to reduce crime and improve public safety. The Neighborhood Reinvestment Program funding will help with the purchase and installation of signs, a trail barrier with a post, chains and locks. The Neighborhood Reinvestment Program money may also be used to help fund a one-time website update to promote safety and village revitalization.

The Vista Skatepark Coalition has a North County Celtic Queen Pageant as well as the Miss Bonsall Pageant and the Miss Vista Pageant. The Neighborhood Reinvestment Program allocation will help purchase supplies such as crowns, sashes and pins, posters, flyers, mailers, programs, orientation materials, tableware, dance floor decor and take away items for entrants and attendees.

The Sheriff's Department provides law enforcement services and also works with community and government organizations to provide programs which reduce juvenile delinquency and gang violence. Project RESPECT, which has existed in North County since 2014, provides recreation, education, mentoring and family services to at-risk teenagers. The Sheriff's Department is in the process of renovating a facility which will be dedicated to Project RESPECT programs and outreach and will give teenagers and their families daily access to recreation, physical fitness, nutrition, academic support and counseling programs. The Neighborhood Reinvestment Program funding will help fund the capital cost to purchase and install a recording booth and accordion wall and will assist with the cost of musical instruments, sporting goods, fitness gear, a room divider, recording equipment, cameras, a tripod, lighting, video games, consoles, computers, a hard drive, memory cards, software, batteries and an identification card printer.

The North County Community Emergency Response Team consists of more than 600 volunteers from Fallbrook, Bonsall, De Luz and Rainbow who are trained in emergency response for such events as fires, weather-initiated disasters and terrorist attacks. The North County CERT regularly conducts scheduled drills in the community and also participates in regional and countywide exercises, and the CERT also educates the public about disaster preparedness and loss reduction.

In December 2019, the North County CERT was awarded a \$15,613 Neighborhood Reinvestment Program grant for training materials and equipment such as vehicle and generator batteries, automated call and text notification software and backpacks containing helmets, gloves, goggles, vests, training manuals, binders and bottled water. The coronavirus restrictions prevented the North County CERT from conducting their scheduled training, so the Oct. 27 amendment to the grant agreement allows the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program money to be used for tire covers, decals, generator batteries, oil and tires, training supplies, personal protective equipment and mandatory insurance for disaster service workers and vehicles.

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**Masons support event at cemetery**



Fallbrook Masons support a local heritage event at Fallbrook Masonic Cemetery, Nov. 1, from left, Mike Warrington, Danny Sanchez, Dan Clouse, John McGoldrick and Gabe Borboa. The event was for the Dia de los Muertos. Village News/Courtesy photo

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since her daughter's first day of kindergarten. Her daughter is now a sophomore in college.

The commendation from the council reads, "We are proud to acknowledge Young for the many contributions she has made to make Fallbrook Food Pantry a successful organization. Young is a dedicated worker and an enthusiastic advocate for the Fallbrook Food Pantry. She gives her time generously, and she draws others into the cause. Her leadership as past-president and as director of the board has touched the lives of countless individuals and families throughout Fallbrook and beyond."

Here is Eufemia Carreño's story, in her own words:

In 1983, I was a young mother of five. My husband (who is now deceased) and I ran a restaurant in Fallbrook for several years. That restaurant was ruined by an arsonist and my husband and I were left with nothing. We had no money for food or means to care for our children, the youngest was barely 4 months old.

I knew it was going to be a difficult year for all of us, and it was going to be a heart-breaking Thanksgiving and Christmas, because I could not provide for my family.

One day in the late fall, my family and I received visitors. I didn't recognize the people that were coming towards our house. I opened the door and I was floored when they said they were volunteers and they came bearing gifts for my children and food as well.

I couldn't believe that God heard my prayers. I was in awe that people that I didn't even know were providing food for me and my children.

I asked them who they were, and they simply said they were from the Fallbrook community. I forgot to ask for their names, but I have never forgotten them. It was people like that I have always cherished in my heart. Many years went by. My children are now grown, and they have families of their own.

One day several years ago, I was talking with someone and I was asked what I thought about volunteer work. I gave it a thought, but I had no idea where to begin. I would walk to the public library to use the computer and I had heard that there was a food pantry nearby. I never had seen a food pantry, nor did I know one existed.

They pointed the direction, but it wasn't until after three attempts that I finally found the location. I visited the food pantry on Wednesday when they were distributing food and I was shocked to see so many people standing in line to receive food. I asked about volunteering and they wrote my information and I was asked to come back on a Monday. I went in on the next Monday and I never looked back.

Helping people has always been what I have done. Through working in restaurants serving people, serving in my church



Eufemia Carreño, far right, is seen with four of her five children in 1983 when they were given gifts and food by food pantry volunteers. Village News/Courtesy photo

community, or simply helping friends of family when they were in need, but I could only do so much at that time because I had children to raise, and I worked many jobs to put food on the table and I don't know how I was able to afford to clothe my children.

Helping at the food pantry feeds my soul. I thank God for allowing me to pay it forward to other families in need. I love to serve people and give them hope whenever I can. Life is interesting

because I have always believed to not look into the past and move forward. We can't change the past, but in writing this letter, I had to realize that I can't forget the past. That is the lessons we learned and the people that have touched my life, that it is the reason why I help my community.

I was there at one point in my life, and I am truly blessed to help my Fallbrook community.

Submitted by Fallbrook Food Pantry.

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# Real Estate Round-Up: Every vote counts



**Kim Murphy**  
Murphy & Murphy Southern  
California Realty

On Nov. 3, voters made their voices heard on two real estate related propositions.

Prop 15 would have changed how commercial properties and agricultural land have their property taxes assessed. Commercial property and agricultural land would have been re-assessed every three years, whether or not there was a transfer of title. In other

words, the reassessment would not require a sale to occur but would instead become a calendared event.

The proponents argued that large corporations had been able to retain their property tax basis from the time of the original purchase, just like residential owners, and that these corporations "could afford" to pay a stepped up basis, based on an appraised value.

The thing is, Prop 15 would not have only affected the large corporate owned commercial property, but every commercial property, and all agricultural land that is currently producing a product. This change in how property tax is assessed would have impacted nearly every commercial property owner and owners of agricultural land across the state.

Thankfully, the people of California were smart enough to understand that all new taxes filter down and ultimately get paid by you and me. No business can sustain their business plan when unforeseen expenses occur, without tacking that expense on to their customer's bill. Prop 15 was

defeated. Bravo California voters.

Prop 19, on the other hand, was approved by the voters. Prop 19 is the California Association of Realtors sponsored bill that provides seniors, the severely disabled and disaster victims the ability to transfer their property tax basis up to three times in their lifetime, to anywhere in California, on a property of any value.

Any increase in purchase price on the replacement property will simply have a blended property tax basis. Restrictions were added on transfers to heirs, so only heirs that chose to use the transferred property as their principal residence will be allowed to retain the property tax basis. If an heir decides to use the transferred property as investment property, they will receive a stepped-up property tax value, at a new reassessed value, based on the current value at the time of the transfer.

A few groups opposed Prop 19 over this compromise because, in their mind, no new tax is the only good tax. But the reality is the California Legislature had made it crystal clear that they were coming after that provision, so why not

give it up to retain the balance of benefit received from the overall proposition?

Cities, counties, schools, and fire districts will receive financial benefit from this well thought out proposition and once again, the voters of California were smart enough to recognize that and passed Prop 19.

Locally, the Fallbrook Community Planning Group had eight seats up for election. The Fallbrook Community Planning Group splits their roster in odd and even seats with either the odd seats or the even seats running for election every two years.

With 11 people running to fill this election's eight open seats, four incumbents were reelected to the group and four new members were added. Two incumbents were not reelected to the group.

The Fallbrook Planning Group has oversight on design, parks and rec, land use, and circulation. The purpose of the group is to understand plans for new projects or developments within a community, provide a public forum where community input is welcomed, weigh public testimony against

proposed benefits, enhancements and costs associated with a project, and make a recommendation that reflects the community's position to county decision makers.

The recommendations made by the Fallbrook Community Planning Group affect residential and commercial property owners, as well as the vibrancy of Fallbrook.

All in all, it was a good week for property owners, tenants, consumers, and the village of Fallbrook. Real estate is woven throughout the fabric of everything we all experience.

The price of real estate, taxes on real estate, impediments or encouragements to our streets, our parks, our land use and the design of all these things, in their own way, affect all of us that enjoy living in Fallbrook.

Thank you for voting.

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## Oct. 30 death of Fallbrook 18-year-old determined to be a homicide

**Will Fritz**  
Staff Writer

The San Diego County Sheriff's Department on Tuesday said the death of an 18-year-old Fallbrook man last week has been determined to be a homicide.

The county medical examiner's office has completed an autopsy on Nicolas Ramirez, who died Friday,

Oct. 30, and found his death to have been caused by multiple stab wounds, according to sheriff's Lt. Chad Boudreau.

Deputies responded to the 440 block of Ammunition Road at about 10:40 p.m. Oct. 30 to help the North County Fire Department with the injured man.

"When deputies arrived, they found Nicolas Ramirez suffering

from an unknown traumatic injury," Boudreau said on Oct. 31. "Ramirez was transported to Palomar Hospital where he was pronounced deceased."

The sheriff's homicide unit is continuing to investigate the incident.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call the homicide unit at 858-285-6330.

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*City News Service contributed to this report.*

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The little cabin turned out incredibly nice. Mark had me select all of the materials and then he performed his magic in adding all of the little touches that really made the difference. I started crying when I saw the beautiful surround Mark did around the little window in the kitchen with the granite, the ledge with the granite top and the really cool tile around the door opening to the lower half of the suite. The tile baseboards added such a nice touch and easy clean maintenance. Mark was extremely meticulous with every inch of the space in the unit. With only 500 square feet, there was no space to waste. Mark removed all of the drywall and installed new wiring, plumbing, insulation, windows and doors.

At the end of the project, Mark took one of the old slabs of wood I had stacked in one of my buildings and surprised me with this incredible sign made from the wood reclaimed on the property. Refurbishing my little cabin with Mark was a great experience and I would recommend him to anyone.

*Phoebe Welburn, De Luz*



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### Majestic Views!

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### Opportunity Knocks

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**1016 N. STAGE COACH LANE, FALLBROOK**

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**Seller will entertain offers between \$625,000 & \$675,000**

### Vineyard Views!

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**GUEST APT**



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# In battleground Arizona, 2 sides react to projected Biden victory

**Will Fritz**  
 Staff Writer

It wasn't the decisive walloping Democrats were hoping for.

And, in a country that has grown used to media organizations projecting presidential winners on Election night or soon after, the lengthy counting process of large numbers of mail-in ballots this year created an unsettling days-long purgatory for both sides.

But the Associated Press, CNN, NBC, Fox News and other media outlets projected Joe Biden to be the 46th president of the United States, Nov. 7, after it became clear he would win Pennsylvania and Nevada, although the final tally in Arizona continued to tighten and the results in Georgia appeared headed for a recount.

In a deeply politically polarized nation, Biden cast himself throughout his campaign as someone who could heal Americans' divisions, and he kept on this message in his victory speech the night of Nov. 7.

"I ran as a proud Democrat. I will now be an American president. I will work as hard for those who didn't vote for me — as those who did," Biden said. "Let this grim era of demonization in America begin to end — here and now."

Biden's lofty sentiment, though, will likely prove to be immensely difficult to implement in practice. That much was clear on the ground in presidential battleground Arizona, where supporters of President Trump gathered outside a county elections office to push for a faster count of the votes when it appeared the state would be crucial, and to decry Biden's victory as illegitimate when results from other states ultimately tipped the balance.

At the Maricopa County Tabulation Center in Phoenix, Trump supporters spent night after night crowded into a parking lot chanting things like "stop the steal" and "count the legal votes."

Abel Belgian, one of the protesters, said he and others present at the office were "standing for democracy."

"We're standing here for a fair and honest election," he said on Nov. 6. "There's been too many irregularities that have been found such as the Sharpies that randomly popped up. There's been errors that have now been reported in Michigan. There's dead people casting ballots."

The Sharpie issue Belgian referred to has to do with reports circulating from social media users claiming their ballots had been invalidated because they were given Sharpie markers to fill out their ballots at polling places. However, Arizona election officials have said voting with a Sharpie would not, in fact, result in an invalidated ballot. And in Michigan, Politifact found that a viral tweet purporting to show more than 14,000 votes had been cast by dead people in the Detroit area was not factual.

"According to the state's voter database, several of the individuals on the list are shown as never having cast an absentee ballot, and at least one woman listed seems to still be alive," Politifact said.

Even so, others present at the elections office protest continued to cast doubt on the election results across the country and in Arizona.

Cordie Williams, a chiropractor and pro-Trump public speaker from California who spoke at Temecula City Hall last month, was also at the Maricopa County elections office in Nov. 7; Williams cast suspicion on who appeared to be elections office workers taking out trash bags.

"Who knows if those are ballots right there?" he said. "I wouldn't be surprised."

Jake Angeli, another supporter of the president, questioned the outcome of the election on Nov. 7 after the major networks had called the race for Joe Biden.

"How is it that the most unpopular candidate in history got the most votes out of any president in history?" Angeli wondered.

There were not many counter-protesters at the elections office over the days of pro-Trump protests, but some showed up on Nov. 7 after Biden had been declared the victor, and tensions ran high.

"It's been pretty bad, I'm not gonna lie," said Jackie Valencia, one pro-Biden protester. "I don't get why people try changing other people's opinions. No one 's gonna change. And I feel like Trump's caused this big divide between us ... it's just so ridiculous how you either hate Trump or you love him. There's just so much hate. From both sides, I'm not gonna lie."

There may, however, be hope yet that the two divided sides can come together.

The small group Valencia was with was engaged for a period of time in heated verbal confrontations with opposing protesters, but armed pro-Trump demonstrators who said they walked over to Valencia's group to keep the peace between the two sides kept their word — they defused some of the tempers and even engaged in conversation with their supposed opponents.

Linnea McCann, who showed up to the protest with a pride flag, said she had come with the hope of being able to have honest dialogue with those she disagreed with, and found success.

"I'm not scared," she said. "Everyone here has been really nice to me, and I think that there's this idea in America that there has to be tension all the time between everyone on each side and although I fundamentally disagree with the political views of pretty much everybody here in most ways, I can still talk to them and have open, civil conversations with them."

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Supporters of President Trump kneel in prayer outside the Maricopa County Tabulation Center in Phoenix, while protesting for a "free and honest election" on Nov. 5.



A supporter of President-elect Biden waves a Mexican flag at the Maricopa County Tabulation Center in Phoenix, Ariz., Nov. 7, while supporters of President Trump protest outside the ongoing vote tally.



Some armed supporters of President Trump were present at a rally outside the Maricopa County Tabulation Center in Phoenix, calling on a "fair and honest election" as votes were tallied in the days after the Nov. 3 election.



American flags, as well as pro-police and Trump flags, were prevalent at the protests outside the Maricopa County Tabulation Center in Phoenix, after the Nov. 3 election.



# NATIONAL

## Pfizer says COVID-19 vaccine is looking 90% effective

**Lauran Neergaard and Linda A. Johnson**  
AP Medical Writers

Pfizer Inc. said that its COVID-19 vaccine may be 90% effective, Monday, Nov. 9, based on early and incomplete test results that brought a big burst of optimism to a world desperate for the means to finally bring the catastrophic outbreak under control.

The announcement came less than a week after an election seen as a referendum on President Donald Trump's handling of the scourge, which has killed more than 1.2 million people worldwide, including almost a quarter-million in the United States alone.

"We're in a position potentially to be able to offer some hope," Dr. Bill Gruber, Pfizer's senior vice president of clinical development, told The Associated Press. "We're very encouraged."

Pfizer, which is developing the vaccine with its German partner BioNTech, now is on track to apply later in November for emergency-use approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, once it has the necessary safety information in hand.

Even if all goes well, authorities have stressed it is unlikely any vaccine will arrive much before the end of the year, and the limited initial supplies will be rationed.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the U.S. government's top infectious-disease expert, said the results suggesting 90% effectiveness are "just extraordinary," adding: "Not

very many people expected it would be as high as that."

"It's going to have a major impact on everything we do with respect to COVID-19," Fauci said as Pfizer appeared to take the lead in the all-out global race by pharmaceutical companies and various countries to develop a well-tested vaccine against the virus.

Dr. Bruce Aylward, the World Health Organization's senior adviser, said Pfizer's vaccine could "fundamentally change the direction of this crisis" by March, when the U.N. agency hoped to start vaccinating high-risk groups.

Global markets, buoyed by the victory of President-elect Joe Biden, rallied on the news from Pfizer. The S&P 500 finished the day with a gain of 1.2%, while the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose more than 800 points. Pfizer stock was up more than 8%.

Monday's announcement doesn't mean for certain that a vaccine is imminent. This interim analysis, from an independent data monitoring board, looked at 94 infections recorded so far in a study that has enrolled nearly 44,000 people in the U.S. and five other countries.

Some participants got the vaccine, while others got dummy shots. Pfizer released no specific breakdowns, but for the vaccine to be 90% effective, nearly all the infections must have occurred in placebo recipients. The study is continuing, and Pfizer cautioned that the protection rate might change as more COVID-19 cases are added to the calculations.

Dr. Jesse Goodman of Georgetown

University, former chief of the FDA's vaccine division, called the partial results "extremely promising" but ticked off many questions still to be answered, including how long the vaccine's effects last and whether it protects older people as well as younger ones.

Trump, who had suggested repeatedly during the presidential campaign that a vaccine could be ready by Election Day, tweeted: "Stock Market Up Big, Vaccine Coming Soon. Report 90% Effective. Such Great News!"

Biden, for his part, welcomed the news but cautioned that it could be many months before vaccinations become widespread in the U.S., and he warned Americans to rely on masks and social distancing in the meantime. He said the country still faces a "dark winter."

Confirmed infections in the U.S. eclipsed 10 million Monday, the highest in the world. New cases are running at all-time highs of more than 100,000 per day. And tens of thousands more deaths are feared in the coming months, with the onset of cold weather and the holidays.

Pfizer's vaccine is among four candidates already in huge studies in the U.S., with still more being tested in other countries. Another U.S. company, Moderna Inc., also hoped to file an application with the FDA late in November.

Both companies' shots are made with a brand-new technology. These "mRNA vaccines" aren't made with the coronavirus itself, meaning there's no chance anyone could catch it from the shots. Instead, the

vaccine contains a piece of genetic code that trains the immune system to recognize the spiked protein on the surface of the virus.

The timing of Pfizer's announcement is likely to feed unsubstantiated suspicions from Trump supporters that the pharmaceutical industry was withholding the news until after the election.

Donald Trump Jr. tweeted: "The timing of this is pretty amazing. Nothing nefarious about the timing of this at all right?"

Pfizer insisted that its work is not influenced by politics and that it was "moving at the speed of science." Its independent data monitors met Sunday, analyzing the COVID-19 test results so far and notifying Pfizer.

Pfizer initially opted not to join the Trump administration's Operation Warp Speed, which helped fund a half-dozen vaccine makers' research and manufacturing scale-up. Pfizer instead said it has invested \$2 billion of its own money in testing and expanding manufacturing capacity. But in July, Pfizer signed a contract to supply the U.S. with 100 million doses for \$1.95 billion, assuming the vaccine is cleared by the FDA.

Pfizer said its only involvement in Operation Warp Speed is that those doses are part of the administration's goal to have 300 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines ready sometime next year.

The strong results were a surprise. Scientists have warned for months that any COVID-19 shot may be only as good as flu vaccines, which

are about 50% effective and require yearly immunizations. Earlier in 2020, Fauci said he would be happy with a COVID-19 vaccine that was 60% effective.

Whatever the ultimate level of protection, no one knows if people will need regular vaccinations.

Also, volunteers in the study received a coronavirus test only if they developed symptoms, leaving unanswered whether vaccinated people could get infected but show no symptoms and unknowingly spread the virus.

Pfizer has estimated it could have 50 million doses available globally by the end of 2020, enough for 25 million people.

Public Citizen, the consumer advocacy group, called the release of the preliminary and incomplete data "bad science" and said that any enthusiasm over the results "must be tempered" until they are reviewed by the FDA and its independent experts.

"Crucial information absent from the companies' announcement is any evidence that the vaccine prevents serious COVID-19 cases or reduces hospitalizations and deaths due to the disease," the organization said.

AP writers Marilynn Marchione, Frank Jordans and Charles Sheehan contributed to this report.

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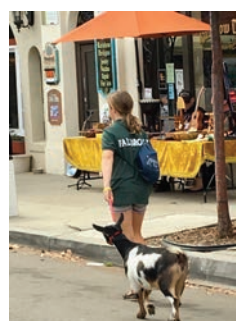
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## Knights of Columbus collects donations for intellectual disabilities



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Mike Sangster, left, and son Tim Sangster collect donations in front of Major Market for the Knights of Columbus Intellectual Disabilities Drive. This year's effort was conducted Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 24-25, at both Major Market and Albertsons. The Knights of Columbus Council supports the Fallbrook community in many ways, and the ID Drive supports the REINS Therapeutic Horsemanship Program. For more information, call Grand Knight Tim Willard at 314-952-0987.

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## Michelle's Place prepares for virtual Walk of Hope 5K



Supporters and participants of the Michelle's Place Cancer Resource Center's Walk of Hope attend a drive-thru event to pick up their Walk of Hope T-shirts, medals and other event items, before participating in a socially distant virtual walk for the fundraising event, Wednesday, Nov. 11.

Staff, volunteers and supporters of Michelle's Place Cancer Resource Center hand out a variety of items to participants of the nonprofit's Walk of Hope event. This year's event participants will walk wherever they want and share it virtually due to the pandemic.

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Michelle's Place Cancer Resource Center's Walk of Hope medals await event participants.



Murrieta Valley High School cheerleaders celebrate participants picking up items for the Michelle's Place Cancer Resource Center's virtual Walk of Hope event in Temecula.



Ray Evans, a participant in Michelle's Place Cancer Resource Center's Walk of Hope, Wednesday, Nov. 11, picks up his medal and participant's packet in a drive-thru event at the nonprofit. He is walking in honor of his wife who is currently recovering from cancer and his sister-in-law who died from cancer.



From left, Albertsons clerk Tiffani Wyley; Brenda Tegge, Albertsons assistant store manager, and Kim Gerrish, executive director of Michelle's Place, at the Walk of Hope drive-thru event in Temecula. Albertsons Companies Foundation are the presenting sponsor for the Michelle's Place Walk of Hope.

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## Wilson Creek Winery patriarch Gerry Wilson dies



Gerry and Rosie Wilson are pictured together in 2019 at Wilson Creek Winery and Vineyard. On Thursday, Nov. 5, the winery announced that Gerry Wilson died a day earlier. Valley News/Jeff Pack photo

**Jeff Pack**  
Staff Writer

Gerry Wilson, the always-smiling patriarch of the Wilson family at Wilson Creek Winery and Vineyard, died Thursday, Nov. 4.

He was 90 years old. "His sparkling blue eyes and contagious smile warmed the hearts of the family and the winery," the winery shared on its Facebook page Thursday, Nov. 5. "It is with a heavy heart, we share the loss of this incredible man Gerry was widely known for

his kindness, compassion, love and graciousness. He left four generations of immediate family and the extended family that are thankful for his influence on their lives. His spirit and daily presence will be truly missed by his legacy for ever at

Wilson Creek. Reached Thursday for comment, his eldest son and the winery's CEO, Bill Wilson said he was overwhelmed by the outpouring of support being shown to the family. "My tear ducts are stuck open as so many people are sending their

love and support and how much he touched so many," he said. "He showed us all how to live and do it the best version of ourselves. There is a huge void that he left behind that can't be filled by those he touched and for all of us to pay it forward and love and cherish the lives of those around you! He is now helping the good Lord make heaven an even better place."

Gerry Wilson was almost always accompanied by his wife of 67 years, Rosie, was a familiar face to thousands of people who visited the winery over the years and the couple lived on the winery's property.

Rosie and Gerry Wilson met as youngsters headed back to their respective hometowns in the Midwest on a train from Boise, Idaho, in 1952. They married a year later.

When the couple moved to Minnesota, she started working in banking while she worked for a power company. In the 1970s, the couple moved their family west to South Pasadena.

Many years later, Bill Wilson suggested the family open a winery in Temecula.

"We decided to come north to pay tribute," Gerry Wilson said in a 2019 interview with Valley News. "Newly married we would have lived here, much less in the wine business."

But they did. The decision to take a chance on a 10-acre plot of land in the middle of the wine

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Gerry Wilson – April 7, 1930 – Nov. 4, 2020. Valley News/Courtesy of Wilson Creek Winery and Vineyard

instead of spending their days on a golf course has paid off, they said. “Oh, this is much more fun,” Rosie Wilson said. “I think this has kept us young.” “We are basically living the dream,” Gerry Wilson said. “The motivating factor, I think, for doing this whole thing in this particular area was the lifestyle. “No. 1, all of our kids, grandkids are all right here. Secondly, in terms of work, our commute to work is one and a half minutes. “The morning starts out with hot air balloons floating around, we come down here and we meet a lot of wonderful people from all around the world. Right now we can come and go as we please and

all we do basically is to become ambassadors for the winery. We advertise ourselves as a family-owned and operated winery, so that is important to us,” he said. The couple said in the interview that the winery and the people that have visited have given them much. “People come up and say, ‘Thank you for being here,’” Gerry Wilson said. “We say thank you for coming here; it’s a two-way street.” Services for Gerry Wilson have not yet been announced.

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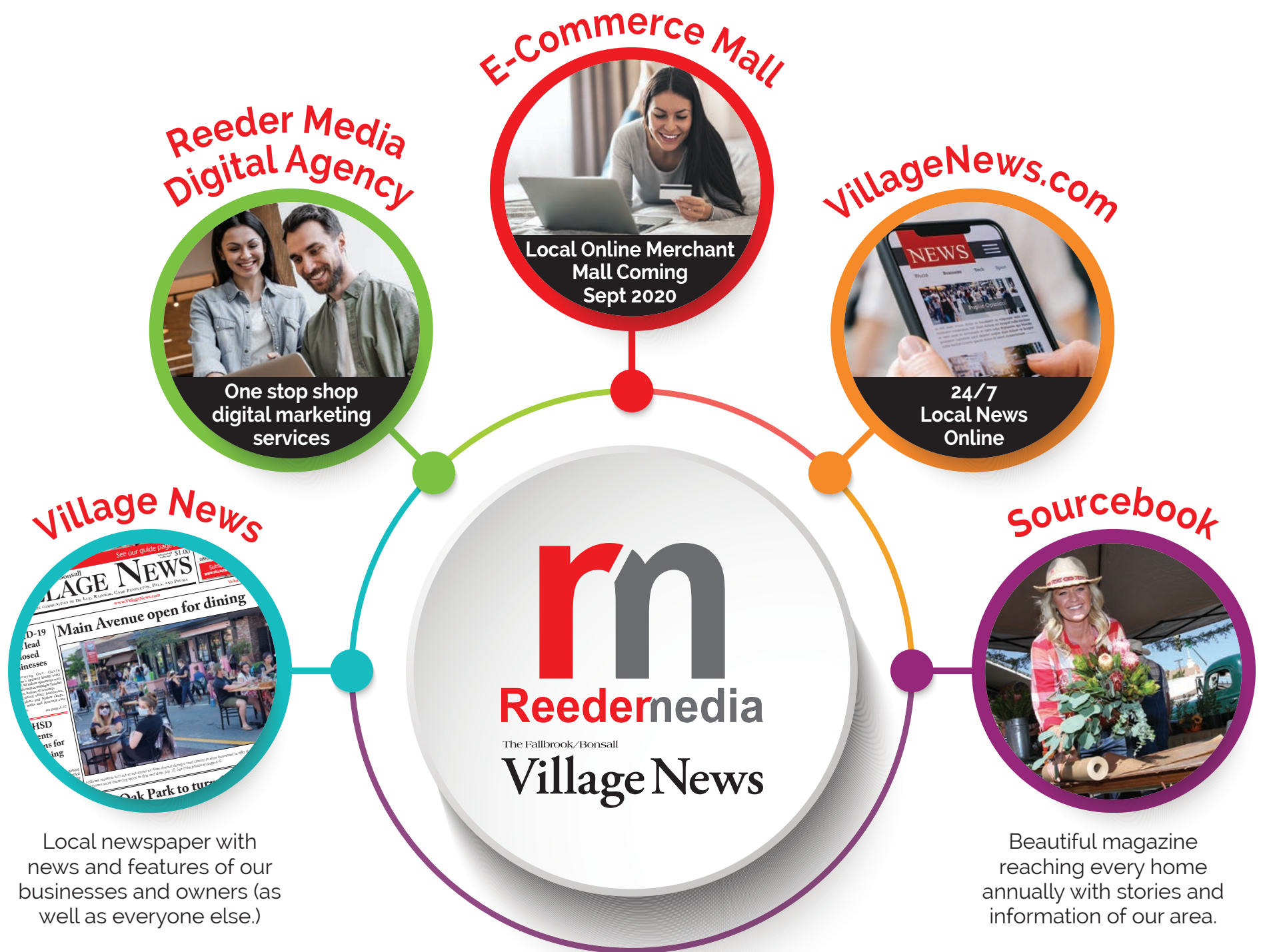
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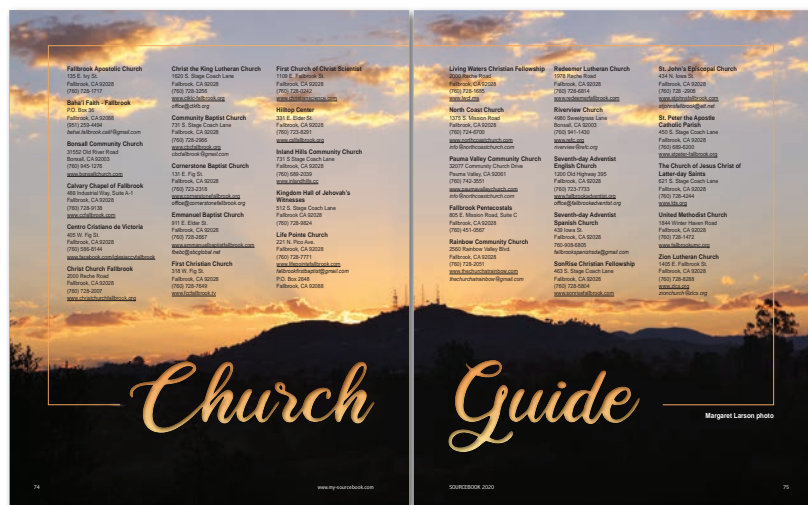
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## Angel Society donations on the rise in a year of mostly lows



Volunteer Meline Gianni, left, takes customer temperatures while board member Linda Heyser rings up sales at the register at the Angel Shop.



Volunteers stock the Angel Shop for the holidays, from left, Katelin Harrison, Linda Flynn, Linda Heyser and D'Ann Kubitz, kneeling.



Board member Louise Small checks inventory of women's clothing.

FALLBROOK – Despite a temporary closure of its thrift shop, and diminished volunteer ranks, the Angel Society of Fallbrook has aided several local nonprofits and other worthy causes this year with donations totaling more than \$37,000 since April.

“I continue to be amazed at what the Angel Society has been able to accomplish, especially during these extraordinary times,” said president Jean Dooley.

Since its inception in 1978, the Angel Society has raised funds for local philanthropy through the operation of the Angel Shop, one of several thrift stores in town, occupying a two-story, former bank building on the corner of South Main and West Ammunition. Overseeing the busy intersection is a bronze statue of an angel, her hands folded in peaceful prayer, a work of art that is also listed on Fallbrook’s Art in Public Places Walking Tour.

Over the years, the Angel Shop has been a boon to the community, as membership in the Angel Society has continued to grow along with the group’s support of a long list of community organizations. For the Angels’ fiscal year starting on May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020, annual philanthropy totaled \$162,975, with total philanthropy since 1978 surpassing \$4.1 million.

Over 42 years in business, the Angel Shop has also endured its share of setbacks, including an electrical fire in an early location that destroyed most of its inventory. The current building, which was purchased in 2007, has also been closed several times for renovations and various repairs, yet always re-opened for business as usual within a week or two.

With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, however, business at the shop has been anything but usual. It all started for the Angels March 16, when the shop was abruptly closed to protect volunteers and customers. Then the group’s popular annual meeting and luncheon in May was postponed and subsequently canceled.

While the shop was closed, board members continued to “meet” online and, in April, the board approved donations totaling \$10,000 to the Fallbrook Food Pantry, Boys and Girls Club, Fallbrook Senior Center and the Foundation for Senior Care. When the shop reopened June 10, it did so under the guidance of several new protocols approved by the board of directors. These included a minimal schedule as a result of fewer volunteers willing or able to return to work. The shop now operates from Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. As mandated by the state, volunteers and donors are required to wear masks, and temperatures are taken at the door, with a controlled entry of 15 shoppers or less.

With the shop open for business again, donations from the community continued to flow. As a result, during the months of June through October, the board granted an additional \$27,550 in funds to the following local nonprofits: Bonsall Woman’s Club, Canine Companions, Cat Adoption Service, Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary, Fallbrook Art Association, Fallbrook Beautification Alliance, Fallbrook Food Pantry, Fallbrook Foundation for Senior Care, Fallbrook High School PTSA, Fallbrook Land



Sales of donated items, including Christmas decorations, at the Angel Shop support nonprofits and other worthy causes in the community.



Christmas sweaters and more holiday items will be sold at the Angel Shop through the months of November and December.



Angel Society Board members, from left, Louise Small, Billie Foli and Chris Hawaranik pose with the angel sculpture in front of the Angel Shop at the corner of Main Avenue and Aviation.



Christmas supplies, including tins and boxes, can be found at the Angel Shop Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Conservancy, Fallbrook Sports Association, REINS, TERI Campus of Life, Vet CTAP and the Women’s Resource Center.

Since April, the Angels have also given non monetary goods valued at more than \$16,000 to several nonprofit organizations including the Boys and Girls Club; Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary; Fallbrook Blanket Project; Fallbrook Food Pantry; Fallbrook Library’s Bottom Shelf Bookstore; Fallbrook Senior Center; Lion’s Club (prescription eyeglass program); USMC; Women’s Resource Center; and Zion Lutheran School (shoes for recycling).

The Angel Shop is operated entirely by volunteers who must be members of the Angel Society. Workers have also included students who help out in exchange for community service credit and members of philanthropic groups such as the National

Charity League.

Dooley acknowledged that staffing at the shop continues to be a challenge, as many of the group’s volunteers are seniors, some of whom have underlying conditions or live with family members who are at risk. For most of the year, business has been conducted by the board via email or in smaller gatherings, she explained. “Our huge challenge going forward is to stay connected, as one body, even at a distance,” Dooley said. “We face real hurdles in conducting meetings in person for many of our members, and many feel that the email meetings are not a satisfactory way to conduct our business and make important decisions.”

Many board members, once responsible for managing the shop one or two days a month, instead volunteer afterhours to sort and price donations, stock shelves,

sanitize work spaces and complete other essential tasks. Others are helping to promote items for sale in the shop on social media and on online group sites such as Friends of Fallbrook.

“In our effort to keep the Angel Shop open and successful, we are supporting each other in the ways that we can,” Dooley said.

Donations may be dropped off at the Angel Shop between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday. Gently-used clothing, household goods, collectibles, small furniture and treasures are gratefully accepted.

Requests for philanthropic funds should be made in writing to the Angel Society, c/o Philanthropy Chair, P.O. Box 1408, Fallbrook, CA 92088.

For more information, email [angelsociety32@gmail.com](mailto:angelsociety32@gmail.com) or visit [www.theangelsociety.org](http://www.theangelsociety.org).

# HOME & GARDEN AND REAL ESTATE

## First day of boot camp

**Wayne Yonce**  
Special to Village News

On June 2, 1944, Recruit Company 1276 was formed at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center. There were 120 apprehensive young men lined up behind the 120 cardboard boxes that lay on the wooden floor of the large red brick building built before WWI. The boxes contained "ditty bags," small canvas bags with rope drawstrings.

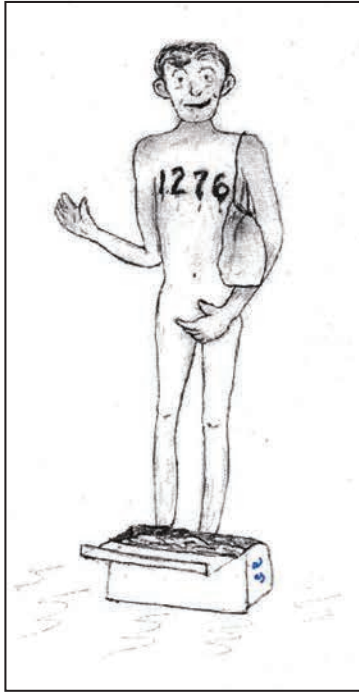
Orders were delivered in the bored monotone developed by persons who have repeated the exact same words many, many times. And they were always prefaced with "Now hear this," "Listen up, you people," or "You hear me, and you hear me good!"

We were told to put our wallets and toilet articles into those bags, and then remove our clothes - shirts, pants, shoes, socks, underwear - everything!

The last of our civilian identities were stuffed into those boxes to be mailed home. We were then told, "Listen up, you people! You will now place the ditty bag on your left shoulder."

We stood naked, ditty bags on our left shoulders, as a pharmacist mate, with a brush and stainless-steel bowl of disinfectant, moved among us, painting a large, purple, dripping 1276 across our chests. I took in the scene, and imagined female recruits receiving equal treatment.

Company 1276 proceeded, still



naked, down hallways, and into many rooms, for reasons I don't remember and probably never did understand. I do remember a physical exam with shots and much poking and prodding. Bottlenecks prevented moving at a steady pace - often long delays with no movement.

The all-powerful occupants of those rooms had a mid-day meal, but we recruits did not. We stoically sat, bare-assed, on the hallways' bare wooden floors; a line pointed one direction on one side, and another, the opposite direction, on the other side.

At one point I found myself, still naked, exchanging grins

across the hall with recruits in a "colored" company. (The military services were not yet integrated.) Picture it! A row of boys of varying shades of blackish-brown sitting on one side of the aisle, and a row of pinkish-white boys on the other - all wearing nothing but purple numerals on their chests and tan canvas bags on their left shoulders . . . silently evaluating one another.

Late that afternoon, we were given sea bags and we proceeded, still naked, down another line. Items of clothing, tossed at us, were stuffed into those bags. Nearing the end of a mind-numbing day, we were directed to a large shower room. (Had it been a Nazi gas chamber we would have obediently filed in.)

We showered, put on skivvies (white cotton undershirts and boxer style shorts), then unfolded and pulled on stiff new blue denim dungaree trousers and chambray shirts. We put on shoes and socks and strapped on tan canvas leggings - the "boots" we'd be wearing until graduation. An unshaped "Dixie cup" white hat topped off the costume.

Clothed at last! Clothed at last! Thank God Almighty, we are clothed at last! (Apologies to Martin Luther King, Jr. and his "Free at last" speech.)

With heavy sea bags on our shoulders we were marched, for what seemed like miles, from the headquarter's old red brick buildings to an outlying area that

would be our home for the next several weeks.

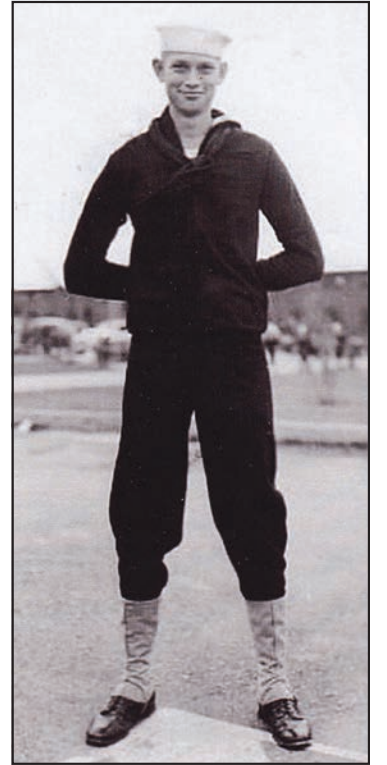
Even the elements conspired to make our day a strange and eerie one. The rain of an Illinois thunderstorm was now intermittent, but the sky above was still a dark black. The setting sun, shining low and bright, cast long shadows across empty parade grounds, and transformed spartanly unadorned white two-story wooden barracks to gleaming, golden structures - a stark contrast against the black eastern horizon.

As our weary company trudged the shadowy streets, "Old Salts" (recruits who'd arrived a few days earlier) leaned from barracks' windows and shouted the traditional greeting - "You'll be sorrreee!"

We finally made it to a barracks, and then to a mess hall. It had been a long day. It had been a very long day, a "Twilight Zone" day! I had been stripped of my clothing, my modesty, my dignity, my identity. I had been painted, poked, prodded, and probed. I'd been interrogated and intimidated, harassed and humiliated. I was a mindless, unthinking, unfeeling, sub-human blob, devoid of any redeeming value.

After a prescribed period of further degradation, I would be forged into a proud naval warrior, worthy of our nation's fighting fleet. Oh yeah!

Four days later, June 6, 1944, all recruit companies were assembled



Wayne Yonce is seen in his new naval training outfit at Great Lakes Naval Training Center, June 1944. Village News/Courtesy photos

on the station's main parade ground. The commanding officer told of the D-day landings at Normandy, told us this day was indeed a historical turning point, but the European war was far from won, and the Pacific war and the defeat of Japan was still out there.

We were told not to worry; there would be war enough for all of us.

## Rainbow to conduct pilot project test for cured-in-place lining

**Joe Naiman**  
Village News Reporter

The Rainbow Municipal Water District will be conducting a test of cured-in-place lining for water transmission pipe.

A 4-0 Rainbow board vote Oct. 27, with Helene Brazier not able to participate in the meeting, approved the professional services agreement with Sanexen Water, Inc., for \$74,800 and appropriated that

amount from the water capital fund for the project's budget.

"This is a pilot project," said Rainbow General Manager Tom Kennedy.

"We think this one has a really great potential," Kennedy said. "We can test and validate that the system works."

Corrosion and pipeline pressure are significant factors in pipeline failures. Rainbow has a cathodic protection program to address

external pipeline corrosion and has also been installing pressure-regulating stations to address system pressures. Neither the cathodic protection program nor the installation of pressure-regulating stations address corrosion which occurs on the inside of the pipelines. Much of that interior corrosion occurs at uncoated joints.

"This is something that I have passionately tried to find a solution to for about 20 years," Kennedy said.

"The mortar is porous so the water pressure will seep through that," Kennedy said. "If you seal that gap it's just going to cause a leak."

Sanexen is headquartered in Quebec and has a western office in northern British Columbia. Rainbow staff and Sanexen have been trying to coordinate a pilot project to determine the effectiveness of Sanexen's Aqua Pipe potable water lining technology and associated procedures on Rainbow's concrete mortar lined and coated steel pipe infrastructure.

"That seals a liner to the steel in that area," Kennedy said.

The Aqua Pipe liner is a cured-in-place pipe which is designed specifically for deteriorated pressure pipe conditions. The system installs a new liner inside the pipeline, which eliminates the internal corrosion, without the need to replace pipelines or disturb streets.

"We can replace that pipe without having to dig it up," Kennedy said.

The existing pipeline replacement method involves excavating the entire alignment, installing the new pipeline, and backfilling the entire excavated area.

"If we can not have to dig it up, it's going to be a big game-changer for us," Kennedy said. "We expect it to be less expensive and less disruptive."

The cost to replace a pipe includes traffic control and utility coordination as well as the labor and materials. "A lot of what we're looking at here is mobilization," Kennedy said of the expenses.

The benefits will be enhanced on

busy streets and in environmentally sensitive areas. The cured-in-place pipeline requires minimal excavation, primarily one at each end of the pipeline being rehabilitated.

"I think this has the greatest potential for us to do lining," Kennedy said.

There is a CML&C pipe six inches in diameter in the lower dirt yard of Rainbow's property. The pilot project would line approximately 300 linear feet of that. The 300-foot section includes two one-inch and one two-inch service connections, and after the lining is completed Sanexen will re-establish the service connections using robotic tools inside the pipeline.

"We want to see how it's done," Kennedy said.

Sanexen will also line 40 feet of above-ground pipe six inches in diameter with two one-inch and one two-inch service connections. "We can inspect it, do some additional testing on it," Kennedy said.

The estimated lifespan of the lining is 50 years.

"I don't think it's going to be a panacea for every situation," Kennedy said. "There are places where it's not going to be applicable."

The duration of the Sanexen work will be approximately five days.

"We're looking forward to this," Kennedy said. "We're pretty excited to get going on it."

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# Rainbow approves CFD with Pardee Homes for Meadowood

**Joe Naiman**  
Village News Reporter

A community facilities district will cover initial Rainbow Municipal Water District expenses for Pardee Homes' Meadowood development.

Rainbow's board voted 4-0, Tuesday, Oct. 27, with Helene Brazier unable to participate in the meeting, to authorize the California Statewide Communities Development Authority to form a Community Facilities District for the Meadowood area. The board action also approved a Joint Community Facilities Agreement with the terms and conditions for the CFD financing, authorized Rainbow staff to collaborate with the CSCDA and its consultants for matters involving the CFD and approved a form of annexation agreement between Pardee, Rainbow and the CSCDA.

"This will establish the Community Facilities District," Tom Kennedy, general manager of Rainbow, said. "Those funds will be used to pay the capacity fees for the project."

A community facilities district allows bonds for infrastructure to be repaid through assessments on property. These are sometimes known as mello-roos taxes due to the state legislators who created the option for services on new development to be funded by an annual assessment. An assessment must be approved by a majority of property owners, although a developer who owns a project before it is subdivided can cast the sole vote in favor of a CFD. The bonds can finance not only public improvements but also capacity fees which are charged to developers to cover the new development's share of existing infrastructure or other impact fees, which in Rainbow's case

includes charges for the cost to connect a project to the district's water and wastewater systems. A CFD for Meadowood was previously formed to cover San Diego County, San Diego County Flood Control District – although the county supervisors serve as the board of the San Diego County Flood Control District and the flood control district is administered by the county's Department of Public Works, it is a separate legal district – and North County Fire Protection District services which will be needed to serve Meadowood.

In Jan. 2012, the board of supervisors approved the 384-acre Meadowood development. At the time, the land was within the San Luis Rey Municipal Water District, which is not part of the San Diego County Water Authority, but THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS conditions included annexing the property into the SDCWA.

The original approved map included 397 single-family homes, 447 multi-family dwelling units, 13 acres for an elementary school which will be built by the Bonsall Unified School District, four acres of park land, 128 acres of biological open space, 47 acres of agricultural open space, 5.9 miles of trails and a wastewater treatment plant. In order to avoid impacts to sensitive environmental resources a public park was relocated and the residential component is now expected to consist of 473 single-family and 352 multi-family homes while the public park size has increased to 9.1 acres with the trail length reduced to 5.6 miles.

Pardee Homes had entered into a pre-annexation agreement with the Rainbow Municipal Water District in 2004, but in April 2005, the Rainbow board instructed the district's legal counsel to work with Pardee on terminating the

agreement, and in December 2008 Rainbow's board voted to terminate that agreement. In January 2011, the Valley Center Municipal Water District board voted to support the annexation of Meadowood into that district, and county's Local Agency Formation Commission approved the annexation in 2014. Meadowood is not adjacent to the rest of the Valley Center boundaries, and the plan when the property was annexed was for Pardee Homes to construct water and sewer lines to Meadowood at the developer's expense.

As the nearest Valley Center facility is across Couser Canyon and multiple miles away from Meadowood, the project is better served by Rainbow, which has immediately adjacent facilities. Kennedy and Gary Arant, general manager of Valley Center, are their district's representatives on the San Diego County Water Authority board. Pardee Homes division president, Jimmy Ayala, is one of the City of San Diego's representatives on the SDCWA board. The three discussed having Rainbow rather than Valley Center serve Meadowood. The out-of-agency service agreement approved by the Valley Center district in March and the Rainbow district in April allows facilities to be constructed while the actual annexation and detachment application is being processed by LAFCO

A resolution approved at the April 1 Valley Center Municipal Water District board meeting provided support for Rainbow's application to detach Meadowood from the Valley Center district and annex the property into Rainbow, and on May 26, Rainbow's board

voted 4-0, with Brazier not able to participate, to submit an application to annex the Meadowood area. Kennedy expects the LAFCO board to hear the annexation and detachment proposal in late 2020 or early 2021.

The out-of-area service agreement approved April 28 includes Pardee's agreement to wastewater capacity fee payment terms. Pardee will pay all applicable water capacity fees which are charged to developers to cover the new development's share of existing infrastructure while the agreement sets sewer capacity fees at \$10.5 million. Rainbow expects the total capacity fee payments to be approximately \$16.5 million. Bonds sold as part of the CFD process will pay for the capacity fees.

The California Statewide Communities Development Authority was created to provide local governments, nonprofit public benefit corporations and private entities with access to low-cost, tax-exempt financing for projects which create jobs, help communities prosper and improve the quality of life for local residents. The CSCDA is a joint powers authority whose members consist of 540 cities, counties and special districts. The CSCDA has the statutory authority to issue bonds, notes, or other financing documents in order to promote economic development, including the provision and maintenance of multi-family housing. Since its inception in 1988 the CSCDA has issued more than \$60 billion of tax-exempt bonds.

Pardee requested that the bond issuance to fund the payment of wastewater capacity fees be broken into two phases.

"There is one benefit to us," Kennedy said. "This way we can get some money quicker."

The value of the improvements to the bond amount must be at least a 4:1 ratio. Issuing only one phase of bonds would require Pardee to delay the bond issuance until a later stage of development. The two-phased approach allows both Pardee and Rainbow to obtain a portion of the bond funding sooner than if the entire bond funding was issued at the same time.

According to the agreement, Rainbow will receive 40% of the total amount or \$5.25 million, whichever is greater, during the first phase. The original agreement did not anticipate bonds being issued in phases and thus had no language about the possibility that the second round of bonds would not be issued.

"That leaves us somewhat in limbo," Kennedy said.

An amendment to the annexation agreement was part of the Oct. 27 approval. Pardee will be required to pay the full amount of capacity fees regardless of whether the second issuance of bonds occurs.

"By March 2024, all the money's going to be here. It's the drop dead date," Kennedy said. "That's just protecting the ratepayers."

Rainbow and Pardee both expect the second group of bonds to be issued earlier.

"I think this is going to happen much sooner," Kennedy said.

The current estimate is that the second series of bonds will be issued in spring 2023.

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## Nearly half of Californians have completed a home improvement project since the COVID-19 pandemic began

*Sixty-five percent of the projects completed used paint, highlighting the importance of paint recycling awareness on America Recycles Day*

LOS ANGELES – A new national PaintCare/Ipsos poll released recently showed that Americans worked on 50% more home improvement projects since the start of the pandemic than in the previous year. Forty-six percent of Californians completed one project or more and 65% of those projects including the use of paint. PaintCare, a national nonprofit organization created by paint manufacturers to operate paint stewardship programs, fielded the survey to highlight the importance of paint recycling education as the nation celebrates America Recycles Day, Sunday, Nov. 15.

Interest in home improvement projects has skyrocketed during the pandemic creating a trend many have dubbed "pandecorating." Data indicated consumers are, at least temporarily, diverting resources away from travel and entertainment to focus on home

improvement projects. The PaintCare survey supported this trend and some of the reasons behind it. Of the 52% of Americans nationwide who have completed at least one home improvement project since the pandemic began:

65% describe their projects as something they had been putting off for some time

24% were inspired by new ideas that came up when browsing online, an activity that has increased during the pandemic with 51% of Americans using social media at higher rates than usual

21% only noticed the need for certain projects after being at home in quarantine.

"America Recycles Day is the perfect time to remind do-it-yourselfers they can do their part for the environment and reduce waste by planning the right amount of paint, using it up and recycling the rest," Jeremy Jones, West Coast

program manager for PaintCare, said. "PaintCare makes it easy with online inspiration and resources for every step of the process and drop-off sites throughout the state where households and businesses can drop off unused paints, stains and varnishes for recycling."

PaintCare currently operates in eight states and the District of Columbia where paint stewardship laws are in place. PaintCare has 797 drop-off sites throughout California where the public can take unwanted paint for recycling. Most are paint retailers – paint, hardware and home improvement stores – that volunteer to take back paint. Residents and businesses who wish to drop off paint for recycling are encouraged to call ahead to verify business hours and ensure space in on-site collection bins.

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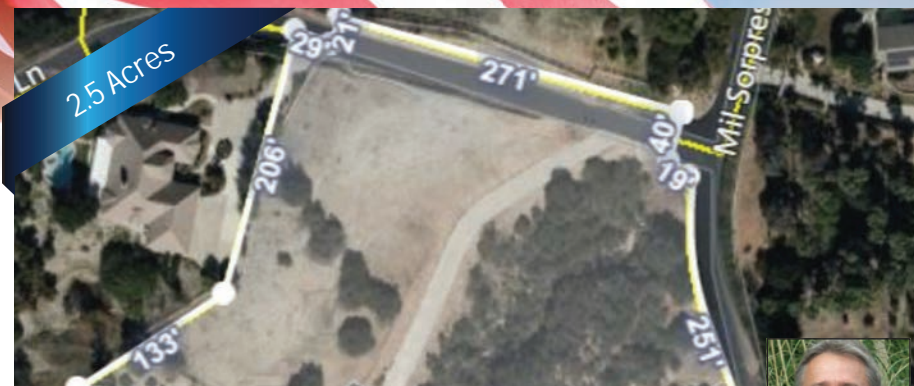
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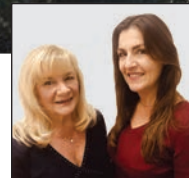
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# FPUD making plans for 100th anniversary

**Joe Naiman**  
Village News reporter

The Fallbrook Public Utility District has begun the process of planning for its 100th anniversary. Founded on June 5, 1922, FPUD will reach its centennial in less than two years.

During FPUD's Oct. 27 board meeting a 5-0 vote created an ad hoc committee which will engage in more detailed planning activities. The board also approved an agreement with Jeff Crider to research and write a book on the history of FPUD.

"We're really excited to celebrate our district's rich history," said FPUD public affairs specialist Noelle Denke. "The Fallbrook Public Utility District has a very rich history."

FPUD also hopes to host an open house in June 2022, possibly

in collaboration with community partners. A 100th anniversary logo is also part of the preliminary plans.

"There are so many things that we can do," Denke said.

The 2022 open house is contingent upon coronavirus restrictions being lifted, but those restrictions eliminated visits to schools and the student art contest for the FPUD calendar and thus conserved public affairs budget money for the 100th anniversary activities. "We will be doing this within the existing budget," Denke said.

Denke joined FPUD's staff in November 2002. She had previously been with the Riverside Transit Agency and was involved in that agency's 25th anniversary celebration in March 2002.

Crider will be paid \$24,000 for his work. "He'll spend about

a year researching all of this and then putting it together in a book," Denke said.

"There's a lot of historical material that I need to go through to come up with the book," Crider said.

"The objective here is to put together a really good book for the community, a book that people will want to read," Crider said.

The research will involve reviewing FPUD archives and interviewing former general managers, board members, community leaders, and those involved in Fallbrook history. Crider will also visit venues where historic newspaper articles about FPUD are available.

"All of our history does not exist in one place," Denke said.

"This book for Fallbrook is going to be my seventh water agency history book, and I'm pretty excited to be able to work on this because it's a different area of California for me to focus on and there's some interesting history," Crider said.

Crider approached FPUD after learning that the district's 100th anniversary was approaching. "I actually reached out to them because most people don't know I exist," he said.

"We just talked about it a little while and felt this was a good way to celebrate our centennial," Denke said.

Although he has not previously written about FPUD, Crider has some familiarity with the community. "Years ago I worked for the Press-Enterprise and I was based in Temecula, so I became

familiar with Fallbrook," he said.

Crider lives in Palm Desert and for the past seven years he has been writing history books about water agencies. "I had never thought about a water agency history book," he said. "It's something that I had never planned to do, but it's something that just evolved."

His first book was about the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District. "In writing the history book for them it was a great opportunity for me to learn about engineering," he said.

While he was working on the book Crider also learned about water history.

That book ended up in the classroom curriculum at the University of California, Riverside, the University of California, Los Angeles, and California State University San Bernardino. "It's nice when you spend a lot of time doing research and you have people actually using your research," Crider said.

Crider's 2018 book on the Coachella Valley Water District, which provides service to where he lives, won a California Association of Public Information Officers award. "That was kind of cool," he said.

"The one on the Coachella Valley Water District won a pretty prestigious award," Denke said.

The chapters in Crider's books resemble a newspaper or magazine feature story. "I try to make it as interesting and as readable as possible," he said. "They're very accessible to the average reader."

Crider noted that most members of the public would prefer to read about economic history rather than infrastructure, so he focuses on the economic perspective. "It makes it more interesting for the average person," he said. "The idea is to make them really interesting and readable and accessible."

The research will include historic articles from local newspapers. "I love digging through that kind of information," Crider said.

Working with the community will enhance Crider's book on FPUD's history. "It really is helpful having mentors surrounding me," he said. "These are the people who can help lead me to the treasure troves of information that I might not find on my own."

FPUD staff will assist Crider in reviewing FPUD board packets and other documents. "I will look through the materials that they have," he said. "Newspapers are very helpful, but it's always good to see what the district has as well."

The research will be complemented by oral accounts. "I'll be looking for the best quotes I can to make the history come alive," Crider said.

"This project is going to be a lengthy project," Crider said. "It's not going to happen overnight."

Joe Naiman can be reached by email at [jnaiman@reedermedia.com](mailto:jnaiman@reedermedia.com).

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# LEGALS

## Change of Name

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
Case Number: 37-2020-00036881-CU-PT-NC  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS  
Petitioner:  
**ASUCENA ARROYO**  
Present Name:  
**ASUCENA ARROYO**  
Proposed Name:

**GLADIOLA ASUCENA SOTO ARMENTA**  
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: 12/1/2020 Time: 8:30 am Dept: 23  
The address of the court is North County Division, 325 S. Melrose Dr., Vista, CA 92081  
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-100) 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: OCT 15, 2020 Signed: Sim von Kalinowski, Judge of the Superior Court.  
**LEGAL: 5328**  
**PUBLISHED: October 29, November 5, 12, 19, 2020**

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
Case Number: 37-2020-00037965-CU-PT-NC  
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Present Name:  
**RUTH KAVANAUGH**  
Proposed Name:  
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## Fictitious Business Name

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number: 2020-9016714  
Name of Business:  
**PACHECO RANCH COMPANY**  
729 Burma Road, Fallbrook, CA 92028  
County: San Diego  
This business is registered by the following:  
Jaime Diane Pacheco, 729 Burma Road, Fallbrook, CA 92028  
This business is conducted by an Individual  
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 08/20/2020  
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Oct 08, 2020  
**LEGAL: 5323**  
**PUBLISHED: October 22, 29, November 5, 12, 2020**

**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:  
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This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company  
This LLC is registered in the state of California  
Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 07/15/20  
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Oct 13, 2020  
**LEGAL: 5324**  
**PUBLISHED: October 22, 29, November 5, 12, 2020**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number: 2020-9015963  
Name of Business:  
**MY LASH JOURNEY**  
9462 Owl Court, San Diego, CA 92129  
County: San Diego  
This business is registered by the following:  
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This business is conducted by an Individual  
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Sep 24, 2020  
**LEGAL: 5325**  
**PUBLISHED: October 22, 29, November 5, 12, 2020**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number: 2020-9016557  
Name of Business:  
**FALLBROOK SKILLED NURSING**  
325 Potter Street, Fallbrook, CA 92028  
County: San Diego  
This business is registered by the following:  
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This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company  
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**LEGAL: 5326**  
**PUBLISHED: October 29, November 5, 12, 19, 2020**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number: 2020-9017244  
Name of Business:  
**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WELL SERVICE LLC**  
11998 Stoney Peak Drive, San Diego, CA 92128  
County: San Diego  
This business is registered by the following:  
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THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Oct 14, 2020  
**LEGAL: 5330**  
**PUBLISHED: November 5, 12, 19, 26, 2020**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number: 2020-9017123  
Name of Business:  
**FALLBROOK RANCH FITNESS**  
1499 Rancho Mia, Fallbrook, CA 92028  
County: San Diego  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number: 2020-9016748  
Name of Business:  
**CHURCH LADIES POTLUCK**  
220 Deddie Terrace, Fallbrook, CA 92028  
County: San Diego  
This business is registered by the following:  
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This business is conducted by a Trust  
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THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Oct 09, 2020  
**LEGAL: 5332**  
**PUBLISHED: November 5, 12, 19, 26, 2020**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number: 2020-9016774  
Name of Business:  
**MINX**  
363 S. Ridge Dr, Fallbrook, CA 92028  
County: San Diego  
This business is registered by the following:  
JJ4, LLC, 363 S. Ridge Dr, Fallbrook, CA 92028  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number: 2020-9017414  
Name of Business:  
**CONTRERAS HOUSKEEPING**  
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County: San Diego  
This business is registered by the following:  
Maria De Luz Lopez Contreras, 1638 Calavo Rd Spc 71, Fallbrook, CA 92028  
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THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Oct 22, 2020  
**LEGAL: 5333**  
**PUBLISHED: November 12, 19, 26, December 3, 2020**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number: 2020-9017296  
Name of Business:  
**a. PLAYA VISTA, TRES REAL ESTATE b. TRES REAL ESTATE**  
323 N. Highway 101, Solana Beach, CA 92075  
Mailing address: 3525 Del Mar Heights Rd, 229, San Diego, CA 92130  
County: San Diego  
This business is registered by the following:  
a. Tzvetelina Todorova Taylor, 3525 Del Mar Heights Rd, 229, San Diego, CA 92130  
B. Aaron Matthew Taylor, 3525 Del Mar Heights Rd, 229, San Diego, CA 92130  
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Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above name as of 12/27/2011  
THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Oct 17, 2020  
**LEGAL: 5334**  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number: 2020-9017351  
Name of Business:  
**LOPEZ ROOFING**  
1638 Calavo Rd Spc 50, Fallbrook, CA 92028  
County: San Diego  
This business is registered by the following:  
Oscar Lopez, 1638 Calavo Rd Spc 50, Fallbrook, CA 92028  
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This business is registered by the following:  
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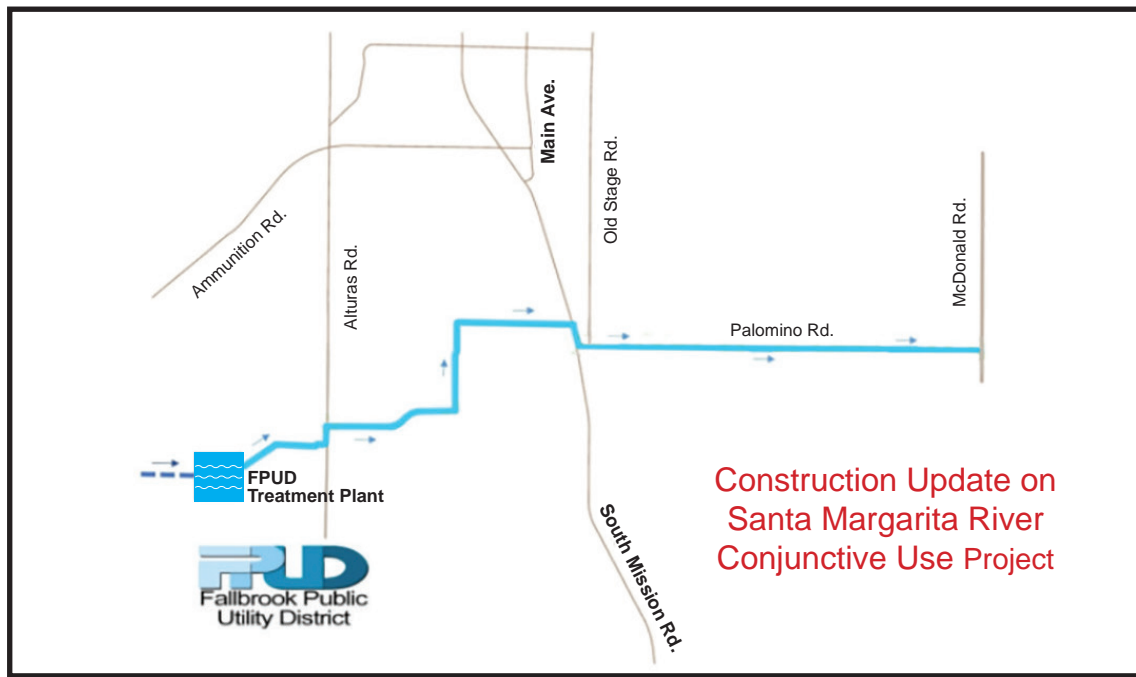
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# Construction involves planned shutdowns through February



Crews work on the Santa Margarita River Conjunctive Use Project construction on Palomino Road. Village News/Courtesy photo

FALLBROOK – In just over a year, more than half of the water that pours from Fallbrook taps will be from its own backyard – the Santa Margarita River.

Now one year into construction, Fallbrook Public Utility District has installed about 7,000 feet of pipeline, making the pipeline portion of the river project about 60% complete. The new segment runs from Alturas Road through part of town, ending at McDonald and Mission roads.

The next step is to tie the new segment of pipe into the existing water main at Mission Road. Doing this will involve several planned shutdowns in the vicinity of Palomino and McDonald roads.

Construction ramps up with planned shutdowns

The shutdowns will occur during November through the end of February. The shutdowns will mostly be day-long events and potentially one or more nighttime events. FPUD crews are being careful to space them out and avoid holidays. The work is being done by contractor Filanc Alberici.

Residential shutdowns will occur between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. to avoid any early morning and evening disruptions. For shutdowns impacting businesses, shutdowns will be done overnight to limit disruptions to business operations. Affected customers will be notified at least two weeks

prior to the shutdowns.

The project as a whole includes some 11,000 feet of pipe. A new 4-million-gallon water tank has been built, and a water treatment plant is under construction near the wastewater treatment plant on Alturas Road. The entire project is on schedule and on budget.

Moving forward with securing our own, local water supply

Once built, using water from the river will provide a buffer from escalating imported water costs and an additional shield against drought. That's important because it will allow FPUD to reduce water purchases from its wholesaler.

*Submitted by Fallbrook Public Utility District.*

# Zoning ordinance amendments related to shelter facilities

SAN DIEGO COUNTY – There are upcoming opportunities for public input on zoning ordinance amendments that are to facilitate the development of a permanent ordinance which will continue the San Diego County's efforts

to assist persons experiencing homelessness and that will lessen the effects of homelessness on county facilities, and users of these facilities in the unincorporated county areas.

Please visit the county website

for further project related information including the upcoming live webinars are to be held Tuesday, Nov. 17, from 5-7 p.m. and Wednesday, Dec. 2, from 5-7 p.m.

For more information, the

links to the Microsoft Teams and phone numbers to call in, visit <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/advance/ZOAmendmentsShelters.html>.

In-person participation is prohibited due to the coronavirus

pandemic and current state health orders.

*Submitted by the County of San Diego, Planning and Development Services.*

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# County renews IRWM agreement

**Joe Naiman**  
Village News Reporter

The Integrated Regional Water Management agreement between San Diego County, the city of San Diego and the San Diego County Water Authority was scheduled to expire Dec. 31, but the IRWM will be extended for at least another five years.

The county Board of Supervisors voted 5-0, Wednesday, Oct. 28, to approve a new memorandum of understanding with the city and the County Water Authority. That agreement will cover the period from Jan. 1, 2021, to Dec. 31, 2025.

The supervisors' action also found the MOU to be exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review.

In November 2002, the state's voters approved Proposition 50, which authorized the spending of \$3.4 billion for projects involving freshwater and coastal resources. Chapter 8 of Proposition 50 authorized up to \$500 million for IRWM planning and implementation grants. Following the passage of Proposition 50, the three county partners entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to form a regional water management group to lead the IRWM effort in the San Diego region.

The County Water Authority was designated as the lead agency of the RWMG, which also organized

a Regional Advisory Committee with 27 representatives from water management, business, academia and other sectors. The initial San Diego IRWM was adopted locally in 2007 and approved by the state's Department of Water Resources in 2009. The IRWM was updated in 2013 and 2019.

In November 2006, the state's voters passed Proposition 84, which authorized \$1 billion of IRWM funding including \$91 million for the San Diego hydrologic region, which includes parts of Orange County and Riverside County.

The November 2014 election included the passage of Proposition 1, which allocates \$510 million for IRWM projects including \$37 million to the San Diego County portion of the San Diego hydrologic region. DWR does not issue the entire amount of IRWM funding in one grant application process but utilizes rounds of grant applications and awards.

The CWA administers grants for member agencies and other applicants. Because the grant funding is allocated by region, the San Diego region will receive the full amount although DWR must approve the specific projects.

The grant application process includes consultation with DWR, and some of the applications may be refined. The most recent grant funding to the CWA was awarded July 8, and the \$15 million included \$687,500 to the

Fallbrook Public Utility District for an indirect potable reuse pilot project.

The San Diego region has received approximately \$111 million in IRWM grants from DWR. The county has received approximately \$2.8 million, including \$1.7 million for the development of objectives and approaches to manage water quality issues in the Santa Margarita Watershed.

The city, the county and the CWA share the costs of the IRWM equally. The newest memorandum of understanding limited the county's total payments to \$853,857 for the five-year period.

The MOU included criteria for selecting project proposals, protocol for managing awarded grants, a process to select and fund consultants to provide technical and administrative support to the RWMG, public outreach, maintenance of a website for the IRWM and grant application technical assistance for underrepresented communities.

In addition to sharing the costs for grant administration and consultants, each agency will participate in IRWM plan updates and in the selection of proposals, and each agency will also participate in the Regional Advisory Committee.

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## SPORTS

## Boys Lacrosse coach cautiously optimistic about season



FUHS Boys Lacrosse will begin their season in the spring and compete through the end of May.

**Jeff Pack**  
Staff Writer

When the Fallbrook Union High School boys lacrosse team opens its season in the spring, head coach Mike Zinnegar isn't quite sure what's going to happen or if it's going to happen.

"It's a weird year, yeah," he said in a phone interview. "You know, if we have a season and I haven't even started scheduling games yet and none of the coaches are, we don't know what's going to happen."

In addition, according to Zinnegar, because a lot of the players he expects to play lacrosse also play football, he's not sure how many of those players will make the transition.

"We're going to be back to

back with football," he said. "So we're hoping there's no delays in the football season because I just foresee that pushing us back."

Then there's the issue of boys rugby happening in the spring as well.

"Our kids are going to have to make a choice," he said. "I've always told them you can play two sports if you want. I've had track kids play for me. I've had swimming, kids, tennis, it's a lot on their schedule. I'll offer that up to the rugby kids, but you know, it's a big commitment. It's going to be brutal."

And then there is the scheduling issue with games.

"With boys and girls soccer and girls lacrosse, and I've been kind of going back and forth with the girls soccer coaches, what days



According to head coach Mike Zinnegar, the team will be young this year, having graduated 13 seniors from last year's team.

Village News/Shane Gibson photo

are your games?" Zinnegar said. "When do you practice? It's going to be tough. I was considering doing all away games just to make it easy."

Practicing won't be easy either, especially since all the coaches have day jobs off campus.

"There's three fields we utilize," Zinnegar said. "The stadium and then the field up above the stadium and then the JV baseball field we use a lot. The only problem with those is they don't have lights and because all of my coaches and myself work, we have to have practices from 5:30 to 7:30. Which isn't a huge deal. Sometimes when there's a track meet or a girls game, we'll go practice until dark. But with these other two soccer teams involved, it's going to be a little tricky. We'll do whatever it takes."

Zinnegar said last year's team graduated 13 seniors.

"It's going to be an interesting year because we lost 13 seniors, which was the majority of our varsity," he said. "We're going to have a very young team, a lot of freshmen and sophomores are gonna have to move up because I don't think we'll have the numbers for a JV. Based on my head count right now, we might just have to go with the varsity, which puts those younger kids – you have to throw them in the fire."

"They mixed up the Valley League a little bit. They got rid of Valley Center, which was always our nemesis. I think we're going to be competitive; it's going to be a young team and they're going to have to learn a lot on the fly."

Zinnegar said he hasn't had too

much contact with his team so far.

"Last season ended on Friday the 13th," he said. "I'll never forget that because we had a game that day and I didn't see my kids for probably four or five months until we collected gear. But we were able to get some field time up at Ingold because we can't go on campus. But I've been doing once a week just for an hour. Everyone just gets together and we just throw around and we do simple passing drills. It's minimal lacrosse, but at least it's lacrosse and I get to see the boys and they get to see each other and they get out of the house, which is amazing."

"They're so out of shape, but it's like I've been telling them, you have to do stuff on the side."

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## Miller shares Santa Anita fall meet title

## Lil Miss Moppet wins Pinot Grigio Stakes

**Joe Naiman**  
Village News Reporter

Peter Miller shared the trainer title for the Santa Anita Park fall meet, and on the final weekend his San Luis Rey Training Center horses won at three different tracks including the victory of Lil Miss Moppet in the Pinot Grigio Stakes at Monmouth Park.

"We're extremely happy to win the title," Miller said.

Miller and Bob Baffert each had 11 victories during the Santa Anita fall meet which began Sept. 25 and concluded Oct. 24. Doug O'Neill, who trains some of his horses at San Luis Rey, finished third with 10 wins.

Sharing the trainer title rather than not winning it outright was gratifying rather than disappointing for Miller.

"There are no ties in horse racing," he said. "A tie is a win in horse racing."

Miller noted that if a dead heat for first place is declared, both horses are credited with the victory.

The Santa Anita winter meet began Dec. 28 and concluded March 29. Santa Anita's spring/summer meet ran from May 15 to June 21. The Del Mar Thoroughbred Club summer meet opened July 10 and closed Sept. 7. Miller also won the trainer championships for those meets.

"We've won every title so far in Southern California," Miller said. The Del Mar fall meet began Oct. 31 and will conclude Nov. 29. "If we can win Del Mar it would be a clean sweep of the titles in Southern California. It's going to be hard, but I'm hoping for it. That would be a great accomplishment for our team," Miller said.

Miller's horses don't necessarily run in Southern California, he said. "We're trying to win races wherever we are," he said. "We're spread out and my assistant Felipe Souza does a great job back East."

My Princess Ellie won the first race Oct. 23 at Santa Anita. Backshot won the eighth race Oct. 23 at the Keeneland track in Lexington, Kentucky. The Pinot Grigio Stakes was held Oct. 24.

"It was a great weekend,"

Miller said.

My Princess Ellie ran in a one-mile dirt race for 2-year-old fillies who had not previously won a race. The filly sired by Temple City out of Quiet Royal was ridden by Flavien Prat. Miller also saddled Take Her Temp, with Ricardo Gonzalez as her jockey, in that race.

I'm All The Jedi broke first with My Princess Ellie breaking second and Take Her Temp becoming the fourth horse out of the gate. After half a mile, I'm All The Jedi led My Princess Ellie by half a length with Take Her Temp in third place.

The first three-quarters of a mile took My Princess Ellie 1:13.63, and by that point she had moved into the lead. She was half a length in front of I'm All The Jedi while Take Her Temp was in fifth.

My Princess Ellie entered the stretch 1:27.08 after the race began, and she held a full-length lead over I'm All The Jedi at that point. Take Her Temp had moved into fourth, trailing third-place Big Chick by three lengths.

A margin of three-quarters of a length separated My Princess Ellie and I'm All The Jedi at the finish line. Take Her Temp finished fourth behind Big Chick.

My Princess Ellie was foaled in Kentucky Feb. 17, 2018. Her first career race was June 10 at the Lone Star Park track in Grand Prairie, Texas, and she finished sixth. She took fifth place July 31, at Del Mar and ninth among the 11 horses in the Sept. 6 Del Mar Juvenile Fillies Turf Stakes at Del Mar before winning in her fourth career race and her Santa Anita debut. First place Oct. 23 was worth \$15,400 of the \$25,800 total purse, and her career earnings are now \$17,100.

Baffert's horse Beautiful Gift won the following race, and on Oct. 24, Classier won the ninth race to give Baffert his 11th win of the meet.

Backshot was ridden by Tyler Gaffalione. The seven-furlong dirt race for 3-year-olds and upward who had not won two races had eight horses. Backshot and Gaffalione broke first but settled back, and after a quarter of a mile, they were in third place a length behind leader Prioritizer and half

a length in back of second-place And Seek.

The order and margins of the top three horses were unchanged after half a mile.

Prioritizer fell back to seventh by the time the horses entered the stretch while And Seek was fifth. Backshot approached the stretch in first place 1:11:30 after the starter's gate was opened, and he held a one-length lead over second-place Market Analysis.

Takafumi moved up from fourth to second during the stretch and finished half a length behind Backshot, whose winning time was 1:23.97.

First place was worth \$17,400 of the \$29,000 total purse. Backshot increased his career earnings to \$68,354, and his second career victory was in his seventh career race.

Backshot is a ridgling who was foaled in Kentucky March 31, 2017. He has Tapiture for his sire and Awesomemakeyee as his dam. His only race as a 2-year-old was an August 2019 race at Del Mar which was a fifth-place finish for him.

He had 10 timed workouts at San Luis Rey during the first three months of 2020 before Miller shipped him for races at Oaklawn Park in Arkansas, Churchill Downs in Louisville and Monmouth Park. He broke his maiden Aug. 29, by winning a six-furlong dirt race at Monmouth Park.

Monmouth Park is in the New Jersey town of Oceanport. The Pinot Grigio Stakes is for fillies and mares 3 years old and upward. Lil Miss Moppet was one of 10 horses in the 5 1/2-furlong race which was initially scheduled for Monmouth Park's turf course but moved to the dirt track.

Lil Miss Moppet and jockey Joe Bravo broke first and never trailed. Windixiewin spent the entire race in second place. The trip from the starter's gate to the stretch required 58.28 seconds for Lil Miss Moppet. Her final margin of victory was three lengths, and her winning time was 1 minute, 4.96 seconds.

The Pinot Grigio Stakes had a total purse of \$78,000. The first-place amount of \$45,000 gave Lil



My Princess Ellie, ridden by Flavien Prat, takes first place at Santa Anita, Friday, Oct. 23.

Village News/Benoit photo

Miss Moppet career earnings of \$172,797.

Uncle Mo sired Lil Miss Moppet, who was carried by Winiliscious before being foaled Jan. 24, 2016, in New Jersey. She had 13 timed workouts at San Luis Rey between Dec. 31 and March 28 before Miller shipped her to Oaklawn Park. Although she lost her first three career

she broke her maiden Aug. 30 at Monmouth Park and won her subsequent three races, all of which were at Monmouth Park.

"We've got a terrific team. It's a team sport, and I'm just the captain of the team," Miller said.

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<b>Oct. 29</b>	
100 block Spanish Spur	Residential burglary
900 block S. Main Ave	Petty theft
700 block Vanita St	Stalking
5700 block Galloway Pl	Vehicle vandalism
<b>Oct. 30</b>	
1000 block E. Mission Rd	Assault with a deadly weapon
4600 block Dulin Rd	Exhibition of a deadly weapon
4600 block Dulin Rd	Stolen vehicle
300 block E. Alvarado St	Stolen vehicle
32100 block Dos Ninas Rd	Commercial burglary
400 block Ammunition Rd	Homicide
1000 block S. Main Ave	Arrest: Possession of controlled substance, vandalism
1900 block Calle Rociada	Stolen vehicle
29900 Disney Ln	Vandalism
<b>Oct. 31</b>	
1600 block Reche Rd	Death
3400 block Los Sicomoros Ln	Residential burglary
1700 block Woodlark Ln	Vehicle vandalism
1000 block S. Mission Rd	Arrest: Robbery
<b>Nov. 1</b>	
500 block Ventasso Wy	Domestic abuse with minor injury
800 block S. Main Ave	Commercial burglary
31900 block Del Cielo Este	Arrest: Possession of controlled substance
800 block E. Alvarado St	Petty theft
Knollwood Ave @ S. Stage Coach Ln	Vehicle burglary
1600 block Calavo Rd	Petty theft
<b>Nov. 2</b>	
Gird Rd @ Pala Rd	Arrest: Possession of controlled substance
700 block W. Fallbrook St	Residential burglary
1200 block Juliette Pl	Death
3400 block Diego Estates Dr	Commercial burglary
3400 block S. Old Highway 395	Arrest: Possession of controlled substance for sale, sale of controlled substance
1600 block S. Mission Rd	Arrest: Possession of controlled substance
<b>Nov. 3</b>	
3300 block Gird Rd	Battery
S. Old Highway 395 @ Reche Rd	Arrest: Possession of controlled substance, paraphernalia
31400 block Club Vista Ln	Residential burglary
4700 block Pala Rd	Arrest: Possession of controlled substance, paraphernalia
S. Old Highway 395 @ Pala Rd	Arrest: Possession of controlled substance
1600 block S. Mission Rd	Arrest: Possession of controlled substance
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<b>Nov. 4</b>	
300 block Ammunition Rd	Fraud
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# OBITUARIES



On Oct. 29, 2020, **Dorothy Mary Dubreuil** was called to heaven to be with our lord and savior. She was 94 years old. Born Jan. 22, 1926, in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, she was a very proud wife of a Marine veteran who preceded her in death.

In the early years of her life, she worked at the Department of State as a secretary. In 1949, she met the love of her life and was married. She spent most of her life

raising five children until she went to work as a teacher's aide for the Fallbrook School District.

When she retired, she started a ceramics business. She taught classes in ceramics as well as excelled in making some very beautiful pieces. Even with all that she found time to volunteer in many charities around Fallbrook.

She will be greatly missed by her daughter, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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## Pumpkins, gourds and squash make fall colorful



FALLBROOK – Halloween takes place during a time of year characterized by earthen-colored chrysanthemums, leaf-lined walkways and crisp autumn air. As colorful as the costumes children wear for trick-or-treating may be, nature’s beauty is unsurpassed this time of year, and the scores of pumpkins, gourds and squashes on display only add to that colorful mélange.

The Cucurbitaceae family may be best known for pumpkins, squash and gourds, but there actually are 800 species that belong to this family. While they share many of the same properties, these fruits each have their own unique attributes.

effort to crack that shell, the dense, nutrient-rich flesh inside is well worth the workout.

### Gourds

Gourds are essentially ornamental squashes; they aren’t cultivated for eating. Instead they are bred to look beautiful and unique in autumn centerpieces. Types of gourds include autumn wing gourd, warted gourds, turban gourds, and bottle gourds. Each gourd is unique in its shape and color.

### Pumpkins

Pumpkins come in ornamental and edible varieties. Even though all pumpkins can be consumed, some taste better than others. Small pumpkins



The main differences between squashes, gourds and pumpkins is their intended purposes, whether they are ornamental or edible.

### Squash

Squashes come in summer and winter varieties. Winter ones do not actually grow in the winter; in fact, they’re harvested in late summer and early fall, but the name references the hard shell casing that protects the tender pulp inside.

Zucchini are summer squash because their outer flesh is tender, while butternut, acorn, spaghetti, and Hubbard squashes are winter squashes because they feature a tough skin. Even though it takes some

tend to be decorative because, according to Nutritious Life, they do not have enough meat inside to make them worthy of cooking. However, sugar pumpkins are best for baking and cooking favorite recipes, states the resource Pumpkin Nook.

The festive hues and flavors of squashes, gourds and pumpkins are one more thing that makes autumn special.

Borrowing from the flavors of the season, including pumpkin, cinnamon and nutmeg, “Spiced Pumpkin Cake” from “Real Simple: Easy, Delicious Home Cooking (Time Home Entertainment)” from the editors of Real Simple can be a welcome addition to any fall spread.



## Spice Pumpkin Cake



Serves 12

- 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, at room temperature, plus more for the pan
- 3 cups all-purpose flour, spooned and leveled, plus more for the pan
- 5 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 3/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 3 large eggs
- 1 15-ounce can pumpkin puree
- 1/2 cup whole milk
- 1/4 cup molasses
- 1 1/4 cups confectioners’ sugar
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

Heat oven to 350 F. Butter and flour a 12-cup bundt pan.

In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, pumpkin pie spice, baking powder, baking soda, and salt.

Using an electric mixer, beat the butter and granulated sugar on medium-high heat until fluffy, 2 to 3 minutes. One at a time, beat in the eggs. Beat in the pumpkin puree, milk, and molasses (the mixture may appear curdled). Reduce the mixer speed to low; gradually add the flour mixture and mix until just combined (do not overmix).

Pour the batter into the prepared pan and bake until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, 55 to 65 minutes. Let cool in the pan for 30 minutes, then invert onto a wire rack to cool completely.

In a small bowl, whisk together the confectioners’ sugar and



lemon juice until smooth. Drizzle over the cake. Let set before serving.

\*Tip: This cake can be baked and glazed up to one day in advance. Store, covered at room temperature.

### How to prepare and cook pumpkin seeds

According to Healthline, an online medical resource, pumpkin seeds provide a host of health benefits. Data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture indicates that a single cup of pumpkin seeds can provide as much as 22% of a person’s daily recommended value of dietary fiber.

In addition, pumpkin seeds are loaded with vitamin K, which plays a role in blood clotting and bone metabolisms and helps to regulate blood calcium levels. The following are some tips, courtesy of Whole Foods, for preparing and cooking pumpkin seeds.

Remove seeds from the inner cavity and wipe off the pulp. Then spread the seeds out evenly on a

paper bag, allowing them to dry overnight.

Once the seeds have dried, they can be placed in a single layer on a cookie sheet. Roast the seeds in the oven at a temperature between 160 and 170 F for 15 to 20 minutes. Whole Foods notes researchers found that roasting pumpkin seeds for more than 20 minutes can lead to unwanted changes in the fat structure of the seeds. To avoid such changes, make sure the seeds are not roasted for more than 20 minutes.

Roasted pumpkin seeds can be served as-is as a delicious snack. Whole Foods notes that seeds also can be sprinkled into mixed green salads. Pumpkin seeds can even be ground with fresh garlic, parsley and cilantro leaves and then mixed with olive oil and lemon juice to create a delicious salad dressing. Chopped pumpkin seeds also can be added to cereals.

The seeds of butternut, acorn and spaghetti squash can also be roasted and eaten. All of them make nutritious, tasty snacks.

# HEALTH

## Don't skip routine health care visits amid COVID-19 pandemic

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The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency is urging San Diegans not to delay routine medical and dental care amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Physicians and dentists across the county are reporting that fewer patients are scheduling annual medical and routine preventive dental visits. County health officials are concerned about this trend because delaying necessary care can cause more severe health issues in the future.

“Regular visits to your primary care physician and dentist are essential self-care activities that can prevent painful procedures and costly medical bills down the line,” said Wilma J. Wooten, M.D., M.P.H., County public health officer. “Detecting and treating chronic conditions is especially important during this pandemic because people with underlying conditions are at a higher risk of poor outcomes of COVID-19.”

At the very beginning of the pandemic, health officials urged the public to seek care only for urgent and emergency procedures due to a desire to conserve personal protective equipment for medical providers in hospitals, and



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because of concerns about possible transmission of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.

Since then, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and American Dental Association have developed science-based recommendations for enhanced infection control procedures for medical and dental offices.

### Enhanced safety procedures at dental offices

Local dentists have worked diligently to implement measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Dental offices have equipped staff with additional personal protective equipment and have boosted their disinfection procedures to keep patients safe

during their visits.

“Dentists have long been leaders in the area of infection control and dental providers have continuously implemented the evolving guidance from government agencies and the ADA to keep their patients safe and healthy,” said Thomas Olinger, D.D.S., County Chief

Dental Officer. “Going to the dentist is safe and we strongly urge San Diegans to resume routine dental appointments.”

County residents who would like to seek dental care but do not have a dentist, can call 2-1-1 San Diego for a referral or visit <https://211sandiego.org/health-wellness/>.

## Find a fantastic “new” old friend during Adopt a Senior Pet Month

LOS ANGELES – At 14, with one eye and a heart condition, Minx was having a hard time finding an adopter. The sweet Dachshund mix originally came into Best Friends Animal Society in Los Angeles in 2018, underweight and with mange. After receiving veterinary care from Best Friends, Minx found a long-term foster home that helped him continue to blossom into a happy, healthy little dog, but the hope was that he would find his forever home.

In July, Lorraine Hamblin logged on to Best Friends’ website, looking for a smaller senior dog. She had lost her beloved Casey, whom she’d adopted as a senior, just before Christmas. While browsing, Hamblin was drawn to Minx.

“He seemed perfect from the first time I saw his pictures. When I read Minx’s story, I knew I wanted to help him,” Hamblin said. “At first, I didn’t notice Minx had lost an eye but when I realized he had this little handicap and might get overlooked because of it, I knew I had to meet him.”

Once Hamblin saw Minx in person, she said she knew she had made the right choice.

“For me, it was love at first sight,” Hamblin said. “Minx looked lively and personable, and my heart just went out to him.”

Hamblin adopted Minx and brought him home on the same day. She found that Minx was house-trained, slept through the night, was fine with taking his daily medications, loved to meet neighbors and enjoyed naps and cuddle time.

“Once I retired, I decided to

provide a forever home to dogs who need them, with the intention to give them as much love and comfort as possible during their later years,” she said. “I would encourage anyone, though, even younger families, to consider senior dogs.”

Best Friends offered the following reasons to adopt a senior dog or cat.

Families often think it’s best to bring a puppy or kitten into the home, so the pet can “grow up with the children.” While it sounds good on paper, this combination often results in a frustrated family.

“Puppies and kittens can be kind of wild and have no manners until they’re old enough to be trained. Their sharp teeth and claws often result in fearful children and rough handling, making for a strained relationship,” Julie Castle, CEO of Best Friends Animal Society, said. “Many families discover that a better choice is to adopt an older animal with a history of doing really well with children.”

A benefit for anyone adopting an older dog is that they generally come with good manners, Castle said.

“They’ve spent years living in a home, learning social skills, and usually know some basic obedience commands. This makes the transition into your home much easier,” she said.

Most adult dogs and cats are already house- or litter-trained.

“It may take a few hours or days to adjust to the new home, but it happens much more quickly than house training a new puppy,” Castle said.

Senior pets are far less likely to



Lorraine Hamblin with Minx, whom she adopted from Best Friends Animal Society in July. With Adopt a Senior Pet this November, Best Friends is offering tips on how to find the perfect senior dog or cat at a local shelter or rescue.

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be destructive to the belongings in your home.

“Puppies can be naughty and chew up shoes and furniture for years, but older pets are past that phase and just want to hang out with their people and their toys or find a cozy spot in the sun to curl up for a nap,” she said.

A benefit to adopting an older pet is their size, weight and personality are developed, so you can choose them for what they are, rather for what you hope they’ll be when they group up, Castle said.

“If you’re looking for a cat that likes dogs, for example or vice versa, you can talk to an adoption

specialist and find a pet with the history you’re looking for,” Castle said.

Adopters can find older purebred pets looking for new homes through shelters or breed rescue groups.

“Older dogs still enjoy going for walks with their people, but they don’t have as much crazy energy as their younger counterparts. Without all that frustration, drama and mess, the family dynamic is easier. The pets and people can just enjoy each other’s company,” Castle said.

Since many shelters start labeling pets as “seniors” at 5

years old, it can add up to a lot of happy years together.

“November is National Adopt a Senior Pet Month and since senior pets can be among the most at-risk in shelters, this is a great time to talk about why an older dog or cat just might be the best choice for your next furry friend,” Castle said. “If you’re able to look past a little gray hair and open your home and your heart, your new old friend will show you why they’re the perfect pet.”

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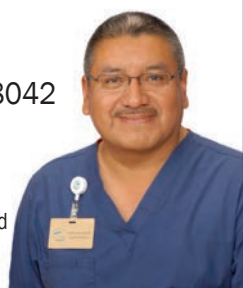
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## Fentanyl, prescription drug deaths increase in San Diego County

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The number of unintentional fentanyl deaths increased by 64% from 2018 to 2019, while at the same time prescription drug deaths rose nearly 12%.

This is according to the 2020 San Diego County Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force Report Card released Nov. 5. The report card provides a variety of data to measure the prescription drug misuse problem in the region by looking at multiple factors and data points over the last five years in San Diego County.

In 2019, a total of 645 people died of an unintentional overdose caused by prescription and illicit drugs, as well as alcohol. Those include:

151 fentanyl deaths compared to the 92 reported the previous year. The number continued to increase in 2020. Fentanyl is a synthetic

opioid primarily coming from Mexico that is 50 to 100 times more potent than morphine and 25 to 50 times stronger than heroin.

275 deaths due to prescription drugs – opioids and non-opioids – 5 up from 245 in 2018.

124 heroin deaths, up from the 105 reported the year before.

In addition to deaths, the report card tracks additional key indicators of opioid misuse in the region. It also shows the following (most recent years for which numbers are available vary by statistic):

- 6,162 visits to local emergency rooms in 2018, compared to 6,607 in 2017. Data for last year won’t be available until 2021.
- Fewer 11th graders reported prescription drug use in 2019 than in 2015.
- Nearly half of adults arrested reported misusing prescription drugs in 2019.

### Treatment is available

The county funds prevention and treatment services throughout the region. Preventing drug misuse and getting people into treatment is one of the goals of the County’s Live Well San Diego vision, which aims to improve the health and safety of residents in the region.

Treatment is available by calling the county’s Access and Crisis Line at (888) 724-7240.

Eleven years ago, the county and its partners ramped up efforts to address the prescription drug misuse problem in the region. In 2008, the County Board of Supervisors established the Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force, which includes the County Sheriff’s Department, the District Attorney, the Health and Human Services Agency, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, and multiple other key partners, including local law enforcement, treatment and health and prevention organizations.

## Practice food safety at home

FALLBROOK – In a typical day, few people may pay much mind to foodborne illnesses, but once a person gets sick from food poisoning, the experience is something they don't soon forget.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, each year 48 million people get sick from a foodborne illness. The CDC said that most instances of food poisoning are infections caused by various bacteria, viruses and parasites. Food safety can prevent many instances of food poisoning, which is one reason why restaurants must adhere to strict protocols designed to keep customers safe. Routine inspections by government officials ensure those guidelines are followed, but what about cooking at home? When cooking at home, the family chef can follow these steps to reduce the risk of foodborne illnesses.

Clean your hands and the surfaces in your kitchen. The CDC said that germs cannot only survive in many places around the kitchen, but also spread throughout the kitchen. Before preparing a meal, clean all countertops where you will be dicing, slicing, etc. In addition, before touching any food, wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds and be

sure to do so each time you finish working with one food and before working with another.

Rinse fruits and vegetables. Fruits and vegetables may contain harmful germs that can increase your risk of foodborne illnesses. Salmonella, E. coli and listeria have each been found on fruits and vegetables, and the CDC estimated that a significant percentage of foodborne illnesses can be traced to contaminated produce. Rinse all fruits and vegetables thoroughly under running water before slicing or dicing.

Separate foods. The Food and Drug Administration advised people to keep raw meat, poultry, seafood and eggs away from other foods. Keep foods separate in shopping carts, grocery bags and in the refrigerator upon arriving home. When preparing dishes that include meat and fresh fruits and vegetables, use separate cutting boards for each raw food.

Cook foods to the correct temperature. Foods are only safe to eat when they reach certain internal temperatures. Recipes typically include this information, and cooks should always follow recipes. Food thermometers can be used when cooking in the stove or using a grill. A list of foods and their corresponding



Food safety can prevent many instances of food poisoning, which is one reason why restaurants must adhere to strict protocols designed to keep customers safe. The family chef can reduce the risk of foodborne illnesses at home as well. Village News/Courtesy photo

temperatures can be found at <http://www.foodsafety.gov>.

Cool foods at the right temperature, too. Cooking foods at the right temperature is vital to food safety, but so is cooling foods at appropriate temperatures. The

CDC advised keeping refrigerators at 40 F or below. When thawing foods, do so in the refrigerator in cold water or use the defrost setting on your microwave. Foods should never be thawed on the counter, as bacteria can multiply

quickly in the parts of the food that reach room temperature.

Food safety at home can ensure everyone remembers family meals for all the right reasons.

## Kicking It against aging



Elizabeth Youngman-Westphal

Special to Village News

Growing old is a privilege. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. In the inimitable words of Zorba in "My Big Fat Greek Wedding," "You look so old."

I just don't want to "look so old." A little old is OK. After all, I don't want to look too young. So, I ask myself, what is the right age? I for one liked the years from ages 43-50. After that, things started to really sag.

Of course, I smoked then so I was trimmer. That always made me happy. Trimmer that is. Not that I am not happy to have stopped smoking. I am. However, I still find myself drifting toward the exhales of others who haven't kicked the habit.

There just doesn't seem to be

any way for a woman to stay thin when she stops smoking. On the other hand, I've known a couple of guys that didn't pack on a pound when they quit – more injustices between the sexes.

Here is the thing to suppress premature aging – who am I kidding? I am 75+ – I try to avoid sweets, watch my alcohol intake, exercise a bit and heap copious amounts of fresh vegetables on my plate at meal times. I've been operating on 1,100 calories a day for over a year and still gained weight. Now that is just wrong.

Granted, as we age the idea is to work on your personality so folks won't notice the wrinkles. Hah! Who is buying that? Aging is a natural process. I get it. Looking old, well, that's another thing all together.

If I had more confidence, I wouldn't fret about wearing my years across my face. Actually, a few years is OK. I just do not wish to have the entire roadmap of my life looking back at me in the mirror.

And even if I could find the courage to accept this old face, every time I see a woman my age on the screen, large or small, their faces are free of lines, jowls and neck wrinkles.

What this is all leading up to is a procedure I had in Anchorage. It's called micro-needling.

Micro-needling started out as a way to reduce scarring by inserting needles around and into a scar. The result was collagen production. Now it's a procedure for anyone

with a viable credit card.

Naturally wanting to stay on the cutting edge of a youthful look, one has to try new things. So, I did. Let me just say, it hurt. The numbing solution used before the treatment didn't work.

Therefore, the only thing to do was to power through the experience while a zillion bees stung me all over my face. When the 40-minute torture ended, I was given a small tube of cooling gel to apply when my face grew hot and felt like a sunburn. The tube was empty before the burning ended.

By day three, the peeling started. Wee bits of dying skin clung to the surface of my face taking multiple scrubblings to eradicate.

The procedure happened on a Monday, and I came back to Fallbrook on the following Friday. My darling husband said, without provocation, I looked better when I returned than when I left. I felt that was a good sign.

They said the collagen production will continue for up to a year – so that's cool, right? That seems like a good thing, huh?

As a side note, it is a really good procedure for anyone suffering from acne scarring. Improvements can be seen immediately.

Let me reiterate, getting old is not for the weak. It takes courage to keep your teeth and working parts working. The only alternative to aging is death. Well, that's a bummer.

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## Recognize signs of stress in children



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FALLBROOK – The coronavirus pandemic caught many people off guard as life changed seemingly overnight, causing a host of unforeseen consequences that people were still confronting months later.

The pandemic has proven stressful for many people, and the Centers for Disease Control and

Preventions said that should not come as a surprise. According to the CDC, fear and anxiety about a new disease and what could happen can be overwhelming. Public health actions, such as the social distancing measures implemented during the COVID-19 outbreak, can increase anxiety and stress.

That's even true among children, millions of whom have been separated from their friends and restricted from participating in extracurricular activities for several months.

The U.S. National Library of Medicine said that children may not recognize that they are stressed, which makes it imperative that parents learn to recognize the warning signs that stress is affecting children. The USNLM said increased stress can manifest itself both physically and emotionally.

### Physical symptoms

The physical symptoms of stress can mimic symptoms of other conditions, so parents should not jump to any conclusions before consulting their children's pediatricians. In addition, the CDC said not all children and teens respond to stress in the same way; however, there are some physical

indicators that may be warning signs that a child is stressed. They include decreased appetite or other changes in eating habits; unexplained headaches or body pain; new or recurrent bedwetting; nightmares; sleep disturbances and upset stomach or vague stomach pain.

The CDC also said that children may confront stress by using alcohol, tobacco or other drugs.

### Behavioral symptoms

According to the CDC, children and teens react, in part, on what they see from the adults around them. So the ways in which adults are responding to the pandemic could be affecting their children's behavior. Some of the behavioral symptoms to look for include excessive worry or sadness; an inability to relax; new or recurring fears, such as fear of the dark, fear of being alone and/or fear of strangers; clinging behaviors, such as an unwillingness to let their parents out of sight; anger, crying or whining; inability to control emotions; aggressive or stubborn behavior; going back to behaviors present at a younger age; avoidance of things enjoyed in the past, including family or school activities; irritability or acting out, especially among teens and difficulties with attention and concentration.

Many people, including children, have had to deal with heightened stress levels during the pandemic. Parents who recognize signs of stress in their children should consult their pediatricians immediately.

## NFPA receives grant to enhance fire and falls prevention program

FALLBROOK – The National Fire Protection Association received a \$526,000 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Fire Prevention and Safety program in support of reducing fires and falls among older adults, a key high-risk population.

The funding will help broaden the reach and scale of Remembering When: A fire and fall prevention program for older adults through the development of updated digital training and resources, which are used by public health and safety officials for implementation in their communities.

"Remembering When has been a highly effective tool for helping educate older adults about ways to lower their risk of fires and falls and in connecting them with resources in their community," Andrea Vastis, senior director of NFPA's Public Education Division, said. "Receiving this funding will help strengthen the program and broaden its reach, ultimately furthering its positive impact on the aging population's health and safety."

Developed in conjunction with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Remembering When program is based on 16 core fire and fall prevention messages

that support behavior change, with related public education materials for distribution.

Since its launch in 1999, Remembering When has evolved and is currently implemented in the U.S. and Canada by community teams of fire service, elder care and public health professionals to help reduce the incidence of fire and fall injuries and deaths among residents ages 65 and older.

While this age group comprises 16% of the total U.S. population, it experiences a disproportionate percentage of injuries and deaths from fires and falls; nearly one in three older adults or 17 million people, suffers a fall each year.

"Fire and EMS now see more fall victims than fire victims, often being called to the same homes repeatedly for falls. This reliance on the fire service presents a unique opportunity for fire and elder care services to work together to provide needed assistance and services to older adults," Vastis said. "But in order to more fully and effectively meet those growing needs, the reach, scope and scale of the Remembering When program must be broadened and strengthened."

According to Vastis, the newly announced grant funding will allow NFPA over a two-year period

to create new educational assets and a process to monitor local program activity and collect key data and to develop online learning modules that deliver training to greater numbers of fire and elder/public health professionals. The funding will also work to expand Remembering When messaging to include information around proper use of medication. Year one of the project will focus on development of these resources; year two will focus on pilot testing them.

Meeting the project's objectives, NFPA will work with numerous partners for subject matter and technical expertise, as well as program guidance. Partners include the multi-disciplinary Remembering When Advisory Group, the NFPA Educational Messaging Advisory Group, the National Disability Rights Network, the University of Iowa's School of Public Health, the Fire Protection Research Foundation and other fire and life safety stakeholders.

For more information, visit <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Teaching-tools/Remembering-When>.

Submitted by National Fire Protection Association.

# BUSINESS

## Chamber presents funds to REINS



Half the proceeds (\$4,000) of the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce annual charity golf tournament is presented to REINS, the chamber's charity partner; from left are REINS' Canece Huber and Debbie Shinner, with the chamber's Lila MacDonald, Jackie Toppin and Julie Hardesty. The tournament was held Sept. 25 at Pala Mesa Resort.

## NFPA to encourage community preparedness for electric vehicle adoption

FALLBROOK – The National Fire Protection Association has received an award from the U.S. Department of Energy to help drive community preparedness for electric vehicle growth in the U.S.

NFPA will oversee the three-year project in partnership with the DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Vehicle Technologies Office's Clean Cities Coalitions network, which will assist communities in evaluating their EV infrastructure, training programs, incentives, and code compliance readiness, and formulating a plan that will raise awareness and speed the safe adoption of EVs across the country.

According to reports, there are more than one million electrified vehicles currently on U.S. roadways and that number is projected to reach more than 18 million in 2030. Yet, few communities have been able to properly assess their EV preparedness and develop plans to integrate, educate, and incentivize this emerging technology into their municipality.

Through the project, NFPA will develop state-of-the-art online training modules and associated materials such as videos, presentations, a toolkit, and guidebooks. It will update and expand its existing law enforcement and tow and salvage operator alternative fuel vehicles safety training programs to reflect the latest safety knowledge and tactics.

It will also expand its EV web-based training programs to include additional modules for all EV stakeholders who previously have not had access to such training

including charging station installers, code officials, utilities, manufacturers/dealerships, fleet owners, garages/maintenance facilities, insurance companies, and vehicle owners.

After completing the updated coursework, NFPA will also help advise and assist selected CCCs as they conduct 30 Community Preparedness Assessment Workshops over two years across the country for local community EV stakeholders.

The workshops will help encourage the setup of cooperative plans and provide education beyond the project period that will spur on greater private and public acceptance of purchasing and accommodating electric vehicles in each community.

"The DOE funding opportunity gives NFPA the platform to raise awareness of the importance of community preparedness planning and collaboration for electric vehicle adoption among key stakeholders," said Andrew Klock, NFPA Emerging Issues Lead Manager. "As a result, we will see a greater understanding of these vehicles and their benefits, and it will allow for more incentives for ownership, increased safety, and a more accommodating infrastructure."

The project began in October 2020 and the final deliverables are expected to be completed by October 2023.

For more information about NFPA's electric and alternative fuel vehicles safety training program visit <https://www.nfpa.org/>.

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# Tips for when employees zone out in Zoom meetings

FALLBROOK – The coronavirus pandemic changed the world into a planet of remote workers, but several months into the pandemic some companies and individuals are still grappling with the challenges of working apart.

Employees have more distractions at home, and some can find it harder to focus. Questions persist, such as: Can video conferencing be as effective as in-person communicating? Will workplace culture – and production – suffer from a lack of traditional human interaction?

“Many companies and employees weren’t prepared for this major life switch,” Cynthia Spraggs, a veteran of working remotely, author of “How To Work From Home And Actually Get SH\*T Done,” and CEO of Virtira, a virtual company that helps other businesses work remotely, said. “Companies became obsessed with maintaining their brick-and-mortar culture despite the fact their offices were completely deserted. I heard several horror stories

about companies mandating that employees eat lunch on camera or play bar games with cocktails on Zoom after an exhausting workday.

“Not only were these extra obligations not necessary, they didn’t take into account the busier new lives of harried workers – many now with home-schooled kids and juggling schedules with spouses also working from home. Some remote workforces have transitioned smoothly, but a great many need to learn how to adjust,” she said.

Drawing from experiences she has had advising companies on how to work remotely and maintain performance, Spraggs offered some tips on getting the most out of online meetings.

Flex your virtual meeting time. “From managing hundreds of regional and global online events, I can tell you the maximum anyone should be in an online meeting is four hours,” Spraggs said. “Two hours is much better for a maximum. When they run

longer, your participants are going to experience significant muscle and eye fatigue, not to mention be tempted by the incredible distractions that come with working remotely.”

Template everything. When managers ran meetings in a conference room, they could ban phones and have everyone’s attention. With remote meetings, managers have lost that control.

“They need to build virtual walls and a structure to keep things on track,” Spraggs said. “This is where templates for meeting agendas, action items, business reviews, etc., come into play. Make these available from the central dashboard and reinforce on calls where they are and how to find them.”

Protest pointless meetings. “Pointless includes inviting a whole host of people to a meeting who don’t need to be there,” Spraggs said. “Don’t take valuable chunks of work time away from team members for a call they don’t need to be on.”

Treat meetings like contract discussions.

Spraggs said that back in the day informal meetings in a physical office sometimes allowed employees to shine in front of their bosses.

“But online loosey-goosey meetings without any real point don’t get anyone anywhere,” she said. “To accomplish anything of substance, set a strong agenda and stick to it. Get opinions from everyone. For the introverts not comfortable with sharing, consider implementing anonymous input forms. You’ll be amazed how engagement increases. Like a contract, you need to document what the team decided, and what the priorities are. Put those in the meeting minutes, distribute and follow up on them.”

Don’t drive yourself to distraction.

“Train yourself to cut down distractions to improve productivity,” Spraggs said. “Turn off your phone and notifications. Otherwise someone is going to

ask you something and there will be that dead air as everyone waits for you to respond.

“Many companies are trying to replicate the in-person experience by wanting to get everyone in front of a screen for multiple hours over multiple days,” Spraggs said. “But they have the opportunity to rethink and reengineer the experience in ways that make sense in a new world, when nobody is in the same room for a meeting.”

Cynthia Spraggs is the author of “How To Work From Home And Actually Get SH\*T Done: 50 Tips for Leaders and Professionals to Work Remotely and Outperform the Office.” She is CEO of Virtira, a virtual company that focuses on remote team performance. Before taking leadership of the company in 2011, Spraggs worked with large consulting and tech companies while completing her Master of Business Administration and research into telecommuting. For more information, visit <http://www.virtira.com>.

# Fee deferrals, zoning waivers extended

Joe Naiman  
Village News Reporter

The San Diego County Board of Supervisors approved the extension of fee deferrals and zoning waivers which are intended to aid local businesses adversely affected by the coronavirus quarantine.

A 5-0 vote, Tuesday, Oct. 27, directed the county’s chief administrative officer to continue the deferral of permit and plan check fees, export certification and direct marketing fees for local agriculture and price verification and scale devices registration fees. The fees will be deferred until March 31, 2021. The supervisors also continued the zoning waivers for restaurants which are utilizing outdoor seating or other measures to mitigate the restrictions on indoor dining, and no expiration of those waivers was specified. The rent deferral period and eviction moratorium for renters of county-owned commercial or residential property was extended to March 31, 2021, and the beginning of the repayment period was deferred

until April 1, 2021. “This is maintaining business stability,” Supervisor Jim Desmond said.

The county health order issued March 12 prohibited gatherings of more than 250 people. On March 16, the order was amended to prohibit gatherings of more than 50 people, and that order also closed all bars which did not serve food while prohibiting dining in restaurants which are still allowed to provide pickup and delivery service.

Health permits issued by the county’s Department of Environmental Health are required for all food facilities in San Diego County, including those in incorporated cities, but not those on sovereign Indian reservations, which have their own system. More than 15,000 retail food facilities exist in the county including more than 8,100 restaurants. The cost of the permits, which must be renewed annually, ranges from \$200 to \$1,930.

A 5-0 Board of Supervisors’ vote March 24 directed the county’s chief administrative officer to

defer the date for the payment of health permit fees, plan check fees and late fees to Sept. 1. The chief administrative officer was also directed to utilize general fund money to cover any revenue shortfall caused by the delay in fee payments and to seek federal and state funding to assist in the recovery of the food, beverage and hospitality industries. The supervisors also directed the CAO to analyze any county policies which may inhibit the immediate reopening of food facilities after the quarantine is lifted and to report back to the board of supervisors with possible solutions within 30 days. The payment deferral includes plan check correction fees associated with plan checks submitted before March 1. On May 5, the board of supervisors directed the chief administrative officer to implement the deferral of various fees and to stay enforcement of zoning regulations which prevented the use of parking areas for restaurant customer seating and dining or curbside pickup for dining establishments.

In addition to extending the

enforcement stay for restaurants and other businesses which are accommodating customers through outdoor service, the Oct. 27, action directed the chief administrative officer to add criteria for restaurants and other businesses to use parking areas for customer dining and seating and to add criteria for curbside pickup for dining establishments. The waiver for building permit and plan check fees for remodels was also extended, and for ministerial permits the waiver of centerline ordinance review costs was also extended.

The fees deferred until March 31 whose repayment period will begin April 1 may or may not be eligible for federal or state financial aid for the coronavirus emergency. If the deferrals are eligible for federal or state funding programs and the waived payment amounts are not recovered the federal or state funding should be the first source of funding. If the deferrals are not eligible for federal or state funding or if that funding is exhausted a previous-year balance in the county’s general fund will be used

to recover the lost revenue. The six-month deferral is expected to delay \$21,386,647 of cash flows.

The Oct. 27 action deferred the Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures agricultural export certification fees, hazardous material permit fees for agricultural operations, direct marketing fees and price verification and weights and measures device registration fees. The Department of Environmental Health swimming pool permit fees, hazardous materials facility permit fees, small drinking water systems permit and plan check fees, and annual permit fees for body art, massage, and camp inspections were also deferred. The deferrals also cover Department of Animal Services kennel application fees, San Diego County Regional Fire Authority fire safety site plans and special events fees and Air Pollution Control District permit renewal fees.

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# Virtual Dash & Bash fund-raiser benefits students in need

SAN MARCOS – Even the COVID-19 pandemic couldn’t slow down Palomar College’s annual Monster Dash & Bash 5K Run/Walk, which culminated in a virtual costume contest on Thursday, Oct. 29, after raising \$15,000 for the Palomar College Foundation.

During the event, some 192 participants logged their five kilometers, including one who participated virtually with her 80-year-old mother from Iowa, and one who walked carrying a “Palomar College Foundation” sign.

Others braved snowfall in Wisconsin, and still others chose to log their activity on roller skates – all in the name of supporting Palomar’s students.

“The Palomar College Foundation has come through in a huge way for our students during this time of crisis,” said Interim Superintendent/President Dr. Jack Kahn. “The Monster Dash is always a fun and engaging way to give back, and we’re grateful to those who participated.”

Palomar College Foundation Executive Director Stacy Rungaitis said the event was especially meaningful this year to the students whose lives are being changed because of the money raised.

“This year has brought so many changes to all of our lives and caused us to pivot almost every inch of what we do,” said Rungaitis. “That was true of the

foundation and this very event. While the 2020 Monster Dash & Bash looked very different, the need for support was more critical than ever.”

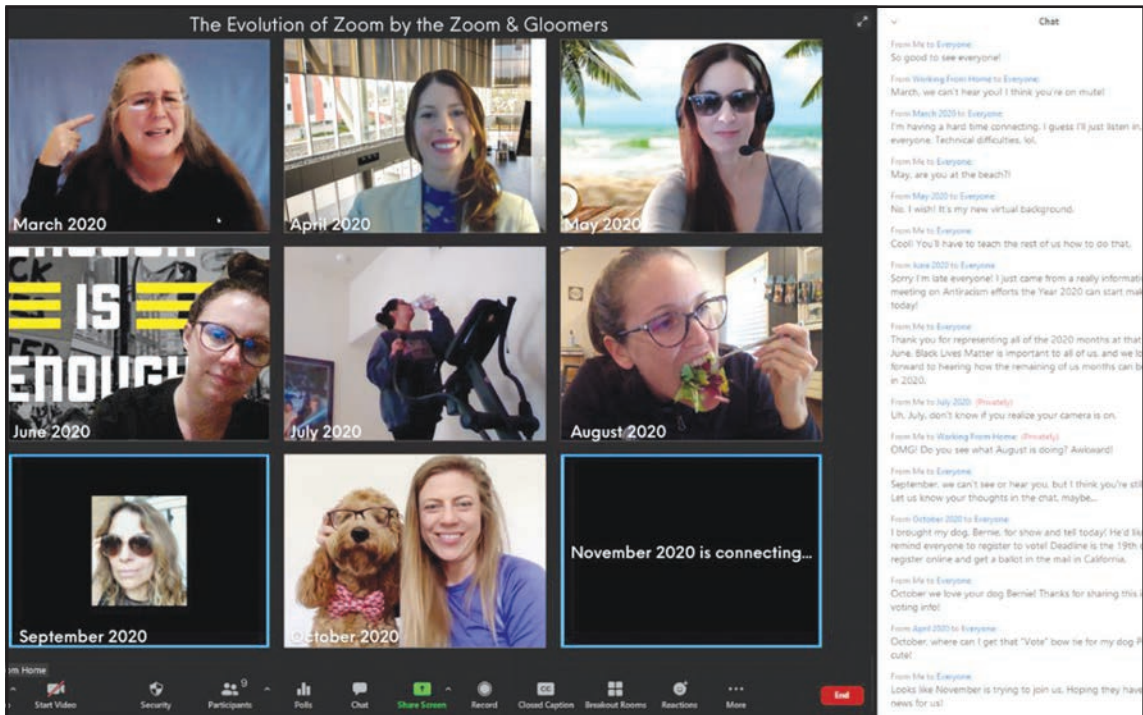
Rungaitis said the foundation has seen a “huge influx of requests for assistance” due to COVID-19.

“The same pandemic that made this year’s Monster Dash a virtual one has also made it increasingly difficult for many students to remain in school and have the resources they need to succeed,” she said. “Students who had part-time jobs have in many cases been furloughed. Some students lack computers or other necessities to take their courses online.”

“Thanks to this year’s Monster Dash & Bash, we will be able to say ‘yes’ to students who are our future first responders, nurses, engineers, and community leaders,” she said. “We’re very grateful for the interest, commitment and investment in their future that was shown by our Palomar College community.”

Key sponsors this year included EDCO, Cal Coast Credit Union, Pala Casino, California Bank & Trust, Stone Brewing, and Wavelength Brewing.

The Palomar College Foundation exists to remove financial barriers for Palomar’s students. All proceeds from this event will go directly to serve students through the Foundation’s emergency grant program providing computers, internet service and other emergency funding.



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## ENTERTAINMENT

# FAA names winners of fall art show

FALLBROOK – Art lovers can catch Fallbrook Art Association's Fall Gallery Exhibit until Nov. 21. This outstanding multimedia fall show, which was judged by renowned watercolorist Helen Shafer Garcia and included cash prizes, is chock full of great art including honorable mentions and a full complement of special merit awards.

There are newer artists along with award-winners known to Fallbrookians. Cash prizes recipients, ribbon winners and gallery team members always appreciate comments in the guest book, so everyone is invited to stop by, view the artwork and write a note.

Due to COVID pandemic temperature and masks are required for all classes and exhibition visits.

Note, the new hours at The Gallery are Thursdays and Fridays, 12-6 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

There is an upcoming small works show; to find the application, visit [www.fallbrookartassn.org](http://www.fallbrookartassn.org).

In addition, the Fallbrook Art Association is pleased to announce the November meeting, demo and workshop at its current working location at Fallbrook Baptist Church, 731 S. Stage Coach Lane, Nov. 21 with the meeting at 10 a.m., demo from 10:30 a.m. to noon and the workshop from 1-4 p.m.

The workshop, "Watercolor Paint and Pour," is led by area favorite Buffy Kaufman who describes her workshop this way: "Learn the watercolor pour method in an encouraging environment with instructor-led demo, class discussion, and group painting. Art is better shared!" If interested please go to Kaufman's website, [www.watercolorpour.com](http://www.watercolorpour.com).

Each artist supplies their own watercolor paper, brushes, paint or pan. Contact Kaufman with specific questions for locating supplies or substitutions, [bk@watercolorpour.com](mailto:bk@watercolorpour.com).

Each artist will have their own table with 6-8 feet in spacing to make this a safe, enjoyable day. In order to provide room to move and ample spacing for artistic freedom, space may be limited, so anyone considering registering should contact Carol Reardon ASAP to reserve a spot, [carol.reardon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carol.reardon@sbcglobal.net) or call 760-731-6677.

For general gallery information, visit [www.fallbrookartassn.org](http://www.fallbrookartassn.org).

Submitted by the Fallbrook Art Association.

The Best in Show winner at the Gallery's fall show is "Somewhere Near Puno," on top with artist Noel Glaser, right. Below his painting is "The Boardwalk," Ray Fedorchak, an honorable mention winner.

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"Call from Cienfuegos" by Janice Cipriani Willis is the first-place winner in the fall show at The Gallery.



"Alfresco Goes Viral 2020" by Debbie Forbes is the second-place winner in the fall show.



"Homage to Degas Bather" by Karen Langer Baker is the third-place winner in the fall show.

## 'American Pickers' to film in California

NEW YORK – Mike Wolfe, Frank Fritz and their team are returning to California to film episodes of the hit series "American Pickers" throughout Southern California in December.

Wolfe, Fritz and their team understand that with the proliferation of COVID-19, everyone is facing very uncertain times. The staff at American Pickers are taking the pandemic very seriously and will be following all guidelines and protocols for safe filming as outlined by the state and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

While they plan to be in California in December, they will reschedule if conditions change for the worse. Regardless, the team said they are excited to reach the many collectors in the area to discuss their years of picking.

"American Pickers" is a documentary series that explores the fascinating world of antique "picking" on the History Channel.

The hit show follows Wolfe and Fritz, two of the most skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America's most valuable antiques. They find sizable, unique collections and learn the

interesting stories behind them.

As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, Wolfe and Fritz are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Along the way, the Pickers want to meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items. The pair hopes to give historically significant objects a new lease on life, while learning a thing or two about America's past along the way.

Wolfe and Fritz have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they've never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them.

"American Pickers" is looking for leads and would love to explore area residents' hidden treasures. If anyone or someone they know has a large, private collection or accumulation of antiques that the Pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through, they can send their name, phone number, location and description of the collection with photos to [americanpickers@ineflix.com](mailto:americanpickers@ineflix.com) or call 855-653-7878.

Submitted by Cineplex Productions.



Mike Wolfe and Frank Fritz of "American Pickers" are returning to Southern California in search of valuable antiques.

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## Here's what's happening in online theater

### Elizabeth Youngman-Westphal

Special to Village News

Theater is alive and well in San Diego County, and the good news is you can watch it in your pajamas. It's all online.

Congratulations go to New Village Arts in Carlsbad for their \$5,000 grant award from California Humanities for their new program, "A Connection Toolkit in the Age of COVID-19."

San Diego Repertory Theatre has extended "JQA," which stands for John Quincy Adams, until Nov. 30. Watch for my review next week.

Additionally, coming Nov. 13 at San Diego Rep when they participate in the nationwide performance by playwright Rohina Malik and her one woman show "Unveiled."

On Nov. 19 at San Diego Rep, catch "Jews, Jazz and Justice," written and performed by

ethnographer Yale Strom and Hot Pstromi.

Watch Hershey Felder in "A Paris Love Story," Nov. 22, at 5 p.m. Visit their website at <http://SDRep.org> for details.

North Coast Repertory will continue to run "Same Time Next Year" through Nov. 15.

I strongly encourage everyone to cuddle up in front of a computer to catch this delightful two hours of nostalgia. I rate this married duo of Katie MacNichol and Bruce Turk as two of the best Doris and George's since Ellen Burstyn and Alan Alda.

Director David Ellenstein captured the 25-year annual romance through the changing times with ease. Costumes and set design were both exemplary. Rated 10 out of 10. It's a top-notch escape from bad TV.

Up next at North Coast Repertory is "A Christmas Carol" reimagined for streaming coming Dec. 9-31.

Meanwhile at La Jolla

Playhouse, starting Nov. 16, is their current show "You Are Here" with a digital journey around the world.

Up next, from Nov. 28 through Jan. 3, is Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol."

Mark your calendar. The Old Globe and KPBS-FM 89.5 have united to present a free radio program of Dr. Seuss's "How The Grinch Stole Christmas!" Thursday, Nov. 26, on Thanksgiving Day at noon, again Saturday, Dec. 5, at noon and Christmas Eve Day, Dec. 24, at noon.

Just closing at Roustabouts Theatre is the one man show, "Roosevelt: Charge the Bear," performed by Phil Johnson who co-wrote the play with writer/playwright Marni Freedman. Once again, Johnson worked his magic, comfortably embracing Teddy Roosevelt, showing his wit and stamina, while subtly displaying his insecurities. As always, Johnson hit a home run.

His one-man show topped the rating with a 10.

Running Nov. 14 through Dec. 13, is the compelling story "No Way Back" told by superlative actor Jessica Johns as she stars in the personal tale about a family escaping the terror in their homeland of Iran. This play is guaranteed to be a winner. For tickets, visit <http://roustabouts.org>.

Diversions Theatre is hosting free audiocasts until Nov. 26 for the "Ameri Queer" series at <http://diversionary.org>. In its 35th season, Diversions celebrates the works about and for the LGBTQ community. This week's black-box theater produces enlightening and entertaining plays. Each one has been time well spent, plus it's near a great pie place.

Further down Interstate 5 and over the Coronado Bridge is the Lamb's Players. Currently performing is the husband and wife singing duo Carlie O'Grady and Charles Evans Jr. on guitar

with Chris O'Bryon on piano. This dynamic trio performs songs covered by Johnny Cash, The Beatles, Joni Mitchell and many others. For a donation of \$20, the entire family can enjoy the show. The performance lasts about 50 minutes and runs through Nov. 15.

Next up is Lamb's Players Concert, "The Women," which will run until Nov. 29, and usher in their famous Christmas Concert. And they even have a cookbook available.

At the Cygnet Theatre website, Monday, Dec. 7, will present their "Home For The Holidays" online benefit. Visit <http://cygnettheatre.com> for details or call 619-337-1525.

San Diego Musical Theatre is promoting its "Stars Under The Stars - Rising Stars" program running Nov. 23-29. Tickets are available at <http://SDMT.org>.

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## EDUCATION

# San Diego Oasis receives \$300,000 grant to create education hub for older adults

*The Oasis Innovation Center will feature in-person and virtual technology workshops*

SAN DIEGO – Cox Communications awarded a \$300,000 grant to San Diego Oasis, a nonprofit organization on a mission to change the way people experience aging and pursue vibrant, healthy, productive, and meaningful lives through education and community service.

This gift will empower San Diego Oasis to create the Oasis Innovation Center, a collaboration hub which will focus on the adoption of innovative technology for older adults, relevant to older adult wellness, healthcare, and lifelong learning needs, as well as provide a virtual technology series in the interim.

“We know how important it is for older adults to be comfortable with technology and the internet as 70% report using it throughout the day,” said Sam Attisha, senior vice president and region manager for Cox Communications in California. “The Innovation Center is an important community collaboration between Oasis and Cox to help older adults adopt technology that will improve their quality of life, such as telehealth, enable them to successfully age in place, and continue connecting them in new ways with those they care about most.”

The Oasis Innovation Center will be among the first of its kind in the United States and the only one in the state of California. It will be located in Grossmont Center in La Mesa and will also provide distance learning and technical support virtually.

“Our goal is to create a sustainable and scalable model with technology adoption and innovation to transform the

experience of aging,” said Simona Valanciute, president and CEO of San Diego Oasis. “Thanks to Cox Communications and their generous gift, seniors around the region will have access to technology training and programs to continue stimulating their minds and providing a social outlet now and when it is safe again to gather in person.”

The Oasis Innovation Center will offer technology classes and workshops, technology demonstrations, a “Tech Help Bar” for in-person and online tech support, a telehealthcare center, and research studies relevant to supporting the needs of the community of older adults.

At the onset of the shelter-in-place orders due to the COVID-19 pandemic in mid-March 2020, the leaders at the nonprofit San Diego Oasis had to make very quick decisions on how to continue to deliver their classes and workshops virtually. Until then, all of their classes were delivered in-person at more than 40 locations throughout San Diego County.

Although San Diego Oasis’ mission is to change the way people experience aging, adjusting to a 100% fully online environment was a big change and risk.

The team trained and coached their professors and experts in history, humanities, language, technology, art, finance, fitness, and more to bring hundreds of presentations online. It has paid off for the nonprofit, in ways they could never imagine, and created a nationally recognized virtual senior center, replacing their physical community presence temporarily.



Sam Attisha, Cox Communications, delivers a \$300,000 check to San Diego Oasis CEO Simona Valanciute, left, to create an education hub for older adults to adopt technology. Oasis instructor Gladis Jimenez is on the right. Village News/Courtesy photo

San Diego Oasis has seen positive growth in their class attendance and this grant will allow them to further serve those who not only have embraced the online environment but also provide confidence to other older adults who are trying to adapt to technology.

“Our popular Senior Tech Fair held every fall has proven to be a tremendous value to older adults in the region. The Oasis Innovation Center will allow us to expand

these programs and workshops on a more consistent basis, reach more seniors, and boost confidence in technology use among older adults,” said Valanciute.

Prior to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, social isolation was already an epidemic among seniors. “Studies show social isolation can be as bad for your health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day and can cause debilitating health issues in persons age 55 and up,” said

Valanciute. “Online learning and socialization are critical for mental health and wellness in the months to come. This grant from Cox Communications enables us to advance our programs and expand inclusion to San Diego County seniors, which is an effective method to combat social isolation.”

For more information, visit <https://san-diego.oasisnet.org/>.

Submitted by Cox Communications.

## The benefits of a new approach to learning for students

FALLBROOK – The validity of the adage “necessity is the mother of invention” was on full display during the COVID-19 outbreak. People quickly had to learn to adapt to a new way of life, including an educational system that was transformed dramatically by social distancing guidelines.

More than 76 million students are enrolled in United States schools, per the latest U.S. Census Bureau information. In a matter of days, millions of students who once attended classes in-person were required to transition to virtual learning instruction. The process showed just how flexible learning systems can be, and how virtual instruction may become more than an emergency protocol in the future.

Schools utilized systems like Google Classroom, Canvas and virtual meeting apps to connect and learn. While in-class lessons provide the socialization and one-on-one interaction that can be vital for students’ academic success, there are many different

reasons why virtual instruction can be a key component of learning models as well.

When virtual learning is used in conjunction with traditional teaching, students may have a more well-rounded experience. Here are some potential benefits that may unfold as more data is collected.

### Pace

Virtual learning affords students the chance to work on lessons at a pace that fits their individual needs. Students can go back and re-read or re-work problems until they’re satisfied they have learned their lesson. Lessons can be slowed down or sped up depending on proficiency, creating a customized educational experience.

### No more weather days

Many school districts include snow or extreme weather days into their calendars, adding on extra days at the end of school year to meet the specified number of educational days. Remote learning can take over in these

times and keep school districts from having to pad calendars.

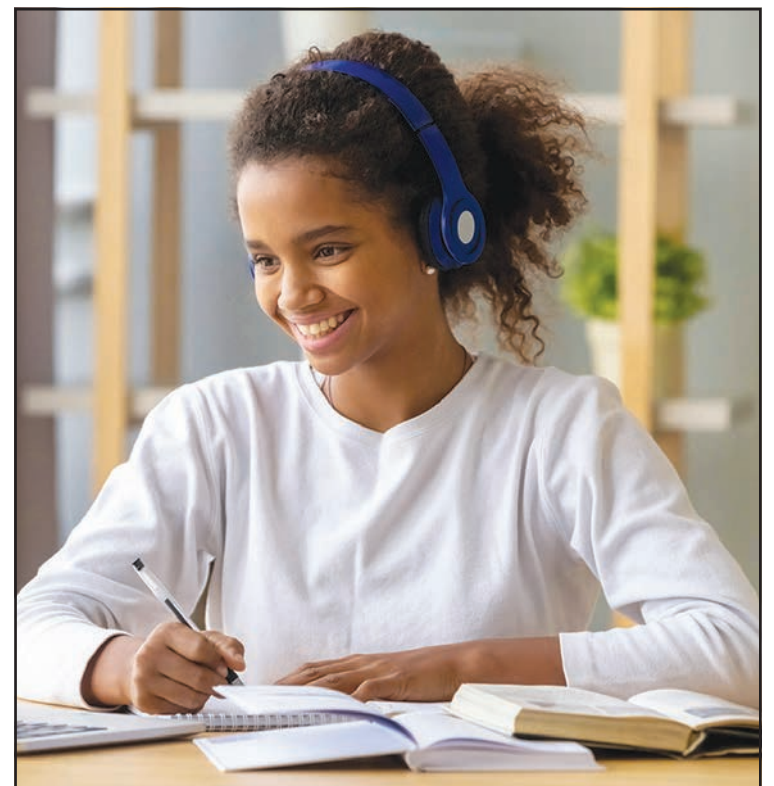
### Convenience

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommended that middle and high schools start at 8:30 a.m. or later to provide students the best chance to get the amount of sleep they need. Still, most adolescents currently start school before 8:30 a.m. Remote learning enables students to complete their assignments when it works best for them. This may help them get more sleep, too.

### Apps

Learning apps are a new wave of educational tools that have helped buoy virtual instruction. Primary school students or those with individual education plans may benefit the most from reinforced app skills that match their learning pace in fun ways.

Virtual home instruction may become a large part of the educational landscape even after it’s no longer a social distancing necessity.



Virtual learning affords students the chance to work on lessons at a pace that fits their individual needs. Village News/Courtesy photo

## Plans to open TK-3 grade classrooms four days a week may be skewered

Will Fritz  
Staff Writer

Fallbrook Union Elementary School District administrators were hoping to send some students back to classrooms four days a week at the end of this month, although those hopes may be dashed if San Diego County heads back into the “purple” tier of the state’s coronavirus reopening plan.

Currently, FUESD is in “phase one” of its reopening plan, with most students attending school in-person two days a week in a “cohort” model, with one group in classrooms on Mondays and Wednesdays and a second group in classrooms on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and with students participating in virtual learning otherwise. Classrooms reopened in that format on Oct. 5.

The plan, Singh told FUESD’s board on Nov. 2, was for the district to send transitional kindergarten, kindergarten and first grade students back to classrooms Monday through Thursday as of

Nov. 30; they would continue to learn virtually on Fridays.

After that, the district was tentatively planning for further groups and grades to return to classrooms in January, depending on public health data, but grades 2-8 would remain in the current cohort model for the time being.

“We remain committed to a careful and measured reopening model,” Singh said.

The reason grades TK-3 are being prioritized, she said, is because of in-person learning’s importance to early literacy development.

“The foundation for long term success in school begins with a strong foundation with literacy and we know this,” Singh said. “This foundation of literacy will contribute to their success or will contribute to their lack of success going forward and we want to make sure that our littlest ones are going back to school.”

But the county’s potential backward slide into the purple tier complicates matters.

FUESD’s cohort model was made possible by San Diego County’s removal from the state’s coronavirus watchlist on Aug. 18, which started a 14-day countdown to schools in the county being allowed to reopen.

The county’s coronavirus infection data, though, is now at the level that would require it to return to the purple tier.

State officials reported Nov. 4 that San Diego County had an unadjusted new daily coronavirus case rate of 8.7 per 100,000. The adjusted case rate dropped to 7.4 per 100,000, above the baseline of 7, qualifying the state for the purple, or most restrictive tier of the reopening plan. Last week’s unadjusted case rate was 7.8 per 100,000. “It would take a significant change in trajectory,” Supervisor Nathan Fletcher said Nov. 4 of avoiding purple.

According to the reopening plan, a county has to report data exceeding a more restrictive tier’s guidelines for two consecutive weeks before being moved to that

more restrictive tier. A county then has to be in that tier for a minimum of three weeks before it may move to a less restrictive tier.

The state data reflect the previous week’s case data to determine where counties stand. The next update, which will determine whether San Diego County returns to the purple tier, will be Nov. 10, after Village News’ press time.

If San Diego County does return to the purple, FUESD and other school districts would not be required to halt current cohort and hybrid learning models, but they would not be able to implement any new learning model modifications that allow additional in-person learning.

The purple tier would also necessitate the closure of almost all indoor operations of nonessential businesses.

Reached for comment, FUESD Associate Superintendent of Human Resources and Communication Bill Billingsley provided this statement:

“Health data has and will continue to serve as the foundation for school reopening plans in FUESD. We remain committed to balancing the real risks of the long term academic setbacks and social/emotional traumas students are experiencing during school closures with the risks of COVID19 in the school setting. We know that schools continue to be among the safest places for students and adults given the extensive safety measures we have put in place to prevent the spread of the virus.

“FUESD will continue to monitor the COVID data locally and throughout the county. At this time, we are moving forward with our plan to bring back all TK, Kindergarten, and first grade students four days a week on November 30th. We are steadfast in our belief that these early years are critical to their long term academic success.”

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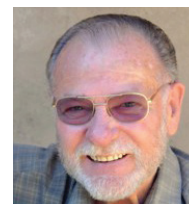
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