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Rainbow MWD board approves rate increase

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

The Rainbow Municipal Water District approved rate increases of up to 9% over the next five fiscal years.

A 5-0 Rainbow board vote June 27 adopted the ordinance stipulating the rates and fixed charges. Although the variable rate will only increase by 0.1%, the fixed charges for the smallest meters will increase by 29.5%.

“The board’s been hesitant to raise rates,” said Rainbow general manager Tom Kennedy. “We just couldn’t hold off any longer.”

In November 1996, the state’s voters passed Proposition 218, which requires a public vote on benefit assessments but exempts water and sewer rate increases if a cost of service study shows a relationship between the rates and the agency’s cost to provide service. A rate setting policy can be in effect for up to five years and must include a rate design and public review.

Rainbow last held a Proposition 218 hearing in 2021 before an increase in the inflation rate created costs beyond what the district had anticipated. The 2021 hearing approved a 9% increase for 2022, a 5% increase for 2023, a 4.5% increase for 2024 and 3% increase for 2025 and 2026.

The June 27 Proposition 218 hearing authorized increases of up to 9% each year from 2024 through 2028. The rate increases do not include any increases in the cost of water purchased from the San Diego County Water Authority or from the Eastern Municipal Water District should Rainbow be successful in detaching from the SDCWA and purchasing water from Eastern.

“We’ve been trying for years now to hold our rates down,” Kennedy said. “Inflationary pressures and the need for pipeline replacements made it impossible to hold off on raising rates.”

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NCFPD rescues woman injured while riding horse



North County Fire responded to a rescue in Sandia Creek on Sunday morning, July 9. Caresse Funk was injured while riding her horse. According to her friend, Ashley Taylor, who was riding with her, the horse leapt into the water and jolted Funk hard enough to fracture a bone. The injury left her unable to stand or walk. The NCFPD first responders were able to carry her out of the valley and the creek area and transport her to a local hospital. The next day, Taylor said that Funk was able to be released from the hospital that Monday and she is doing well, although she will need rest to heal. Taylor also said that the first responders, “Were really nice.”

Live Oak Park Road closure update

Avalon Hester
Village News Intern

Residents with an I-15 commute will be all too familiar with the long-standing road closures along Live Oak Park Road. Traffic along Live Oak Park Road is directed one way with temporary lights installed at three different intersections. Notably at the intersection between Live Oak Park Road and Gum Tree Lane, where a new bridge is being constructed to replace the previous culvert. The new bridge will meet current federal standards and estimates of 100-year flood levels. Water pipes that transport water from Live Oak Creek will also be replaced. In the meantime, residents are experiencing exceedingly long delays while waiting for lights to change. During such waits residents might have wondered when the project is scheduled to be finished, what are the updates and why do the lights take so long? The Department of Public Works had the answers.

The Live Oak Park Bridge Replacement is a collaboration between Caltrans, the Department of Public Works and Rainbow Water Supply. The project is scheduled to enter Phase 2 of development July 17, on which date one way traffic will be shifted to the newly constructed southern bridge portion.

When asked about the long wait times at red lights, the Department



Traffic diversion at intersection of Live Oak Park Road and Gum Tree Lane where a new bridge is being built. Avalon Hester/Courtesy photo

of Public Works offered their apologies. “The traffic signal being used to manage travel in the area has been adjusted and we apologize for any inconvenience. Wait times at the signal should now be shorter.”

The county also explained how the temporary lights at these intersections work, saying, “[The lights are] programmed to maintain

a red light for all phases until traffic approaches. A camera and radar are utilized at each of the phasing locations to detect approaching traffic and select which phase has right of way. Each phase has a preset minimum and maximum green time and yellow and clear times to allow motorists to pass through the entire lane closure

before another phase allows their traffic to proceed. The timing can be modified to increase or decrease the timing depending on the activities occurring at the construction site.”

The project is costing about \$6.7 million of Federal Highway Administration Highway Bridge Program grant funds.

5-3 LAFCO vote approves FPUD and Rainbow detachment from CWA

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

A 5-3 San Diego County Local Agency Formation Commission vote July 10 approved a reorganization in which the Fallbrook Public Utility District and the Rainbow Municipal Water District would detach from the San Diego County Water Authority and join the Eastern Municipal Water District.

County Supervisor Jim Desmond, Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District board member David Drake, public



A group of detachment supporters met to celebrate at Harry’s in downtown Fallbrook. Village News/Julie Reeder photo

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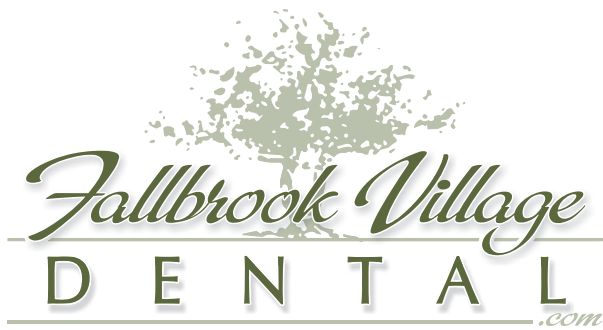


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Learn about the Mormon Metalmark and its host plant



The Mormon Metalmark butterfly is most commonly found in the Southwestern US and Northern Mexico.



The Mormon Metalmark caterpillar is purple, with yellow nodes lined up lengthwise along its body.

FALLBROOK – This month, Wings of Change celebrates and learns about the beautiful butterfly the Mormon Metalmark.

Residents who would like to learn more about butterflies, their habitats, what they can do to help restore native plants to California or what Wings of Change does, can visit them at The Fallbrook Farmers Market this Saturday, July 15.

Wings of Change will have STEM crafts for kids, a few informational talk-sessions and giveaways throughout the day.

Butterflies, like many creatures in the world, have favorite places to rest, eat, and mate. In butterfly terms, this favorite spot is their 'host plant.' The Mormon Metalmark's host plant is wild buckwheat. Here in Southern California, California Buckwheat grows in a wide range of arid climates – from the hillsides of

Fallbrook to the valleys in the hottest deserts.

Due to the loss of habitat and host plants throughout California, the Mormon Metalmark is classified as critically endangered. This can sound scary, but there are absolutely things people can do to help.

By simply spreading buckwheat seeds, they can give these beauties a better chance to thrive in the local environment. Wings of Change give seeds to anyone who wishes to have them at community events and through membership with this nonprofit organization. Its mission is to educate everyone on the importance of butterflies, their habitats, the ecosystem, and more.

For more information, visit or reach them at: www.wingsofchange.us or info@wingsofchange.us.

Submitted by Wings of Change.

Southern CA Damekor to offer a concert July 23

TEMECULA – The Southern CA Damekor is presenting a summer concert, "Sommertid" (Summertime) Sunday, July 23 at 7 p.m. The concert will be at Temecula Music Teacher Studio, 27649 Commerce Center Dr., Temecula CA 92590. And, yes, the program will include "Summertime" from "Porgy and Bess." They will also sing some traditional wedding songs, songs about the beauty of nature and some songs just for fun.

Last summer, their concert was "A Prayer for Peace" in response to the tragic war in Ukraine. Ukraine has still not found peace, so the Damekor will again sing a prayer for the people of Ukraine.

In lieu of an admission fee, they offer the opportunity to donate to one or both of two wonderful causes. First, they will again be collecting donations for Ukraine,

which will be distributed directly by their friends at the House of Ukraine in Balboa Park. Another opportunity is to donate to the nonprofit Practice Makes Perfect, which supports local public school music programs in Temecula and Murrieta.

Also to support Ukraine, several beautiful pieces of Ukrainian folk art called Petrykivka, will be available for sale. Damekor has made some wonderful friends at the House of Ukraine. One of them, Svitlana Ivasyuk, is a painter of this folk style. In fact, this spring they had a wonderful cultural exchange when Ivasyuk taught a class in Petrykivka painting to a group of painters who do rosemaling, a Norwegian style of folk art painting.

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Ken's Corner

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Sharon's Corner

I hope you are checking out our new website and American Dream TV Show! All our segments can be viewed on our website, YouTube, Amazon, Roku and when they air on Fox 5! We are filming again next week at Fallbrook Winery and will be showcasing a Fallbrook "Modern Masterpiece" estate home with a 925 vine Cab Franc Vineyard! We are also waiting for the final cut of our Fallbrook Tennis and Pickleball Club segment! Call anytime to talk about how we can market your property!

LET'S TALK! - Sharon

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OPINION

CA's new budget — some positives



Assemblymember Marie Waldron
75th District

California's \$310.6 billion budget for the new Fiscal Year was approved in mid-June. Trailer bills that make specific funding allocations for state agencies and programs are receiving approval and in many cases are still under review. As often happens, politically expedient wants are often placed above essentials. For example, spending plans still include \$4.2 billion for the high-speed rail boondoggle.

Even so, the budget contains positives that I was pleased to support. Chief among these are funding to improve usability and safety of existing dams. Even though the measure inexplicably prohibits expanding dam storage capacity, it does provide critical funding for dam safety and usability improvements, including repairing and retrofitting dams to

prevent catastrophic failure. The budget also permits diversion of floodwaters for groundwater recharge by exempting diversion of flood flows from Department of Fish and Wildlife restrictions so aquifers depleted during the drought can be rapidly recharged. In addition, drought relief allocations aimed at improving health, safety and improving availability of food, water and shelter that had been scheduled to end January 1, 2024, will now be made permanent.

Help for small businesses and farms was also included in the budget. Grants for small agricultural enterprises will be expanded to include grants for farms affected by flooding that inundated many Northern California farms. COVID-related support for small businesses impacted by the forced shutdowns will continue for another year. These include the Supplemental Paid Sick Leave Relief Grant Program, The Venues Grant Program and the Microbusinesses COVID-19 Relief Grant Program.

The budget also includes a \$2.1 million General Fund allocation to basic aid school districts (which receive no general purpose state aid), which were impacted by the 2020 wildfires that swept much of the state.

Additional trailer bills will be considered over the coming weeks, with votes extending into August. As always, we must ensure that taxpayer dollars are spent wisely, which can be difficult in Sacramento.

Liberty Healthcare Audit Approved!



Senate Minority Leader Brian W. Jones
California's 40th Senate District

For too long, East Coast based-Liberty Healthcare has been sneaking into unsuspecting communities across California and employing a disturbing placement strategy where they try to secretly release dangerous sexually violent predators (SVPs) and rapists into residential neighborhoods. This "Hide the Predator" game must stop.

I have good news in our fight to keep our communities safe from SVPs. My request to audit Liberty Healthcare's long-running exclusive contract to manage SVPs

has been unanimously approved by the legislature.

Thank you to everyone who signed the petition in support of the audit request, we received almost 1,600 signatures statewide.

Liberty Healthcare's practices are not in line with public oversight and fail to focus on safety. In fact, it appears full details of where Liberty Healthcare is leasing homes for sexually violent predators are kept secret from neighbors, schools and local government officials, including even local law enforcement. It is only after Liberty Healthcare signs leases for homes and pays for them with our tax dollars, that they slowly release details to the community, making it almost impossible to stand up against inappropriate placements.

We are thankful that the bipartisan Legislative Audit Committee understands the need to further investigate Liberty Healthcare's poor management of SVPs and approved our audit request. Today is the first step towards fixing this broken and alarming SVP release program.

Re: Re: 'Detransitioners — A new need for community' [Village News, Martin letter, 7/6/23]

Julie Reeder displayed remarkable stoicism in printing a rambling screed aimed at her character and intelligence, of all things. The triggering impulse was Julie's reasoned comments on a sad, final stage of transgenderism — the people known as "detransitioners." These are the transgressors who've come to regret their so-called "transition," after the damage has been done.

If the letter was just tedious and repetitive, but made thoughtful points, it could be excused as a rough first-draft that should have been cleaned up. But that wasn't what was going on here. The following is a brief summary:

The first sentence starts with a sarcastic snipe at Ms. Reeder, regarding her understanding of "trans women" (men pretending to be women) and drag queens; mentioned in passing are Drag Kings and Bio Queens, but

thankfully those not explained.

Bear in mind that drag queens are usually cross-dressing men who are cartoonishly gaudy, with wild hair and eyelashes, acting as grotesquely stereotyped women. Those strange "drag queen story hour" activities for kids at public libraries don't involve anything inappropriate — according to the letter's author, and if you say so, it's because you read "hate-filled" material.

According to the drag queens, these story-hours are said to share "love and acceptance through inclusive storytelling." The letter's writer takes offense at any suggestion that children are being conditioned to gender-fluid lifestyles by the LGBTQ+ folks. The author also states that child sex abuse is a "human problem," not particular to a specific group. I disagree — such a group are known as pedophiles.

Next up are trans athletes. A really interesting paragraph occurs here, with my translations in brackets: "I would like to note that everyone upset by cisgender [actual gender] athletes competing against trans athletes are primarily bothered by trans women [men] athletes. Never the trans men [women] athletes. I wonder why?" I don't wonder, because in some sports, the trans women [men] run or swim faster than the real women they are cheating against.

At this point, the writing turns into a scramble: we read about chest feeders, birthing persons, the giddy Dylan Mulvaney cosplaying Audrey Hepburn, puberty blockers, conversion therapy, and then back to transgressors. A rash of insults follows which I won't repeat, wrapping up with an accusation of "disinformation." Now, where have I heard that term before?

David Lewis

Free needles in San Diego?



Supervisor Jim Desmond
5th District

In 2021, the Board of Supervisors voted 3-2 to create a "Harm Reduction Program." Part of that proposal included a Syringe Services Program, which essentially gives free drug paraphernalia to San Diegans. I was one of the dissenting votes, primarily because I don't believe enabling drug use will get people

the help they need. The majority of people living on our streets are addicted to drugs and alcohol, and promoting drug use will only perpetuate the problem.

The County of San Diego is pursuing a harm reduction program, including syringe services and safer smoking supplies, through the California Department of Public Health. The good news is you can give your input on this ridiculous plan!

This potential program involves, in part, the distribution of free needles and various other drug paraphernalia, and includes:

- Sterile syringes
- Personal sharps disposal containers
- Safer injection and wound care supplies
- Naloxone
- Fentanyl test strips
- Condoms and lube packets with instructions
- Educational information on HIV, STDs and viral hepatitis

transmission prevention

Safer smoking supplies (including pipe covers, mouthpieces, foil sheets, clean glass stems and bubblers)

While the intention behind this approach may seem well-meaning, I firmly believe that it will ultimately do more harm than good to neighborhoods and communities. By providing drug paraphernalia, in large part to homeless individuals, we are essentially enabling and normalizing dangerous drug use, exacerbating addiction issues and potentially putting our community at an increased risk.

We've heard concerns about this plan from many North County residents and elected officials. I have asked county staff to work with the cities and find solutions and programs that work for each community. And, importantly, identifying those programs and services that don't work for communities.

Kicking It



Elizabeth Youngman-Westphal
Special to The Village News

Here is what has been rolling around between my ears. It's the 4th of July.

"And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country." You'll recall this famous excerpt from John F. Kennedy's Inaugural Address.

My fellow Americans, for me, that plea rings truer today than in 1961.

As for now, let's all settle back and enjoy these next few months of summer and the bounty it provides like sweet watermelons, lush strawberries, red ripe tomatoes and delicious corn on the cob. Here at our house, we celebrated the 4th by initiating our new BBQ grill.

Even while this year's summer was slow to arrive, it is very lively here to stay. Which simply means, finally, the kitchen bay window is sparkly clean. It is such an impossible window to clean in the first place, that we wait (and wait) until the last threat of rain is off the radar before VJ pulls out the

ladder to first wash the retractable awning across the back of the house and then second, to wash the outside kitchen bay window panes under that awning outside of the kitchen sink. It's a whole big thing.

Another indicator that summer is here is the constant need to refill the hummingbird feeder. It's now feeders. Plural. I had to add a second one since our Oriole population has increased to from two to three mating pairs plus countless numbers of freeloading hummingbirds. Meanwhile, VJ continues to feed birds and bunnies in the backyard. It's like looking into a fairytale back there.

Since VJ wasn't interested in taking a few days away, I grabbed the grandkids and their mom to join me for a quick jaunt across the San Pedro Channel to Catalina Island on the last Tuesday in June.

When we left home the morning fog still hugged the ground, yet by the time we arrived in Dana Point to check in, the sun was out and we could almost see Catalina. Our ferry left the dock at 2:45 p.m. and after 90 minutes of bone-jarring, gut twisting pounding, we made it to Avalon. Naturally, once on terra firma, we all felt better. It was a short walk to our hotel allowing us just enough time to scoot back to South Beach for bingo at 6 o'clock. Lucas was the only winner, a \$10.00 ice cream card.

After breakfast, we spent Wednesday exploring the gift shops, the arcade, the waterfront, the ice cream parlor and the beaches. Even though the water was too cold for my toes, both grandkids jumped in without pause!

As vacation often does, it ended too soon. Next thing I knew, I was putting my dirty clothes in the laundry basket back at home.

The question now is what to do with the rest of the lazy days of summer? Everyone is encouraged to write and tell me what your plans are, where you are going or even what you'd like to do if money was no object.

Dream a little.

Elizabeth can be reached at eyoungman@reedermedia.com.

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For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus. ”

John 1:1 & 9; Colossians 1:18; Mark 1:15; Romans 10:9-10; 1 Timothy 2:5

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Re: Re: 'Detransitioners — A new need for community' [Village News, Martin letter, 7/6/23]

Gretchen,
I have no idea what video you assume I saw, which you base your argument on that showed women enjoying a drag performance. I missed that one.

We can debate the flag representing the National Association of the Man Boy Love Association or whether pedophiles should be called Minor Attracted Persons. Or, whether the LGBTQIA+ currently includes them right now.

I do know the difference between gender expression and

drag queens. It's all irrelevant to the point that while our society is so open-minded that it's collective brains are falling out, there are little safeguards to protect children (everyone's children) who are introduced to these ideologies, which could have permanently life-altering consequences when they aren't even old enough to get a tattoo.

I had a distraught parent this week explaining and cussing at me about how awful my article was about the Marine dad who talked in front of the school board.

His frustration stemmed from his own experience and how hard it is for him to have a 4th grade son who is "nonbinary" and identifies as a girl. He talked about how smart and sweet he is and how he can't go to the bathroom all day at school because he can't use the girl's bathroom.

And if you question that situation, or any situation related to gender, you are automatically "hateful" and "intolerant," and... wait for it..."dangerous."

Nothing but blind acceptance will do.

Why is it that everyone needs to blindly tolerate, support and accept all the radical weirdness on the left? A perfect example is the controversy of the Dodgers and the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence twerking on a cross, dressed and acting ridiculously.

But if you support anything on the right, questioning ideologies, defending a child's innocence at a school board meeting, questioning radical medical procedures on children, you are hateful and intolerant?

Why does tolerance only go one

direction in this situation?

The end result and my point was that there are thousands of young people and adults who are in need of acceptance, love and community. Some before they transition, and some after. But the ones who realize they were masking other problems with a transition are shunned by their former friends.

My point was that we, as a society, need to be aware of the issue so that we can love and accept the detransitioners.

Julie Reeder

MWD
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Water rates include both charges per unit and fixed charges for expenditures, which are incurred even when water use is reduced. Fixed charges cover the water agency's expenses in the event of low water sales, which is often the case during a rainy year, but penalize those who conserve. During Fiscal Year 2022-23 operating costs exceeded revenues by approximately \$765,000 and that doesn't include any funding for capital projects.

Water purchased from the CWA accounts for approximately 58% of Rainbow's operating costs while wastewater treatment costs set by the City of Oceanside whose outfall treats Rainbow's wastewater account for approximately 35%, so only approximately 7% of Rainbow's total operating costs are within the district's control.

Rainbow's billing unit is 100 cubic feet, or 748 gallons. The cost per unit will increase from \$5.47 for Fiscal Year 2022-23 to \$5.53 for Fiscal Year 2023-24 for single-family or multi-family residential, commercial and institutional accounts, \$4.56 for agricultural accounts which are not on the Special Agricultural Water Rate and \$4.01 for SAWR accounts. Rainbow has seven pumping zones and each of those also have pumping charges per unit that reflect the cost of pumping the

water to each area.

The monthly fixed operation and maintenance charges for single-family or multi-family residential, commercial or institutional accounts will increase from \$69.20 to \$89.59 for a 5/8-inch or 3/4-inch meter, from \$115.32 to \$145.42 for a 1-inch meter, from \$230.66 to \$285.01 for a 1 1/2-inch meter, from \$369.05 to \$452.51 for a 2-inch meter, from \$807.27 to \$982.92 for a 3-inch meter, from \$1,453.09 to \$1,764.59 for a 4-inch meter and from \$2,998.43 to \$3,635.01 for a 6-inch meter.

For non-SAWR agricultural accounts, the increase will be from \$119.92 to \$142.17 for a 5/8-inch or 3/4-inch meter, from \$198.18 to \$233.06 for a 1-inch meter, from \$396.38 to \$460.27 for a 1 1/2-inch meter, from \$634.21 to \$732.93 for a 2-inch meter, from \$1,387.30 to \$1,596.36 for a 3-inch meter, from \$2,497.16 to \$2,868.77 for a 4-inch meter and from \$5,152.85 to \$5,913.47 for a 6-inch meter.

The increase for SAWR accounts will be from \$103.41 to \$127.47 for a 5/8-inch or 3/4-inch meter, from \$172.35 to \$208.56 for a 1-inch meter, from \$344.89 to \$411.27 for a 1 1/2-inch meter, from \$551.51 to \$654.53 for a 2-inch meter, from \$1,206.43 to \$1,424.86 for a 3-inch meter, from \$2,171.56 to \$2,560.07 for a 4-inch meter and from \$4,481 to \$5,276.47 for a 6-inch meter. The monthly fixed charge for all pumping zones was increased from \$7.14 to \$8.39.

SHERIFF'S LOG

July 1

200 blk E View St	Medical Examiner's Case -Death
31200 blk Old River Rd	Missing Person W/Dementia or Alzheimer's - Missing Adult
100-115 blk E Hawthorne St	Report-Vandalism -Pc-Vandalism (\$400 or More) - Victim Of Vandalism (\$400 Or More)
Camino Del Cielo@ Del Cielo Oeste,	Report-Tampering With A Vehicle - -Petty Theft(Mot Veh Parts) Victim Of Tamper With Veh and -Petty Theft(Mot Veh Parts)

July 2

500 blk Inverloch Dr	Report-Domestic Violence -Domestic Violence Incident (Call) - Victim #1- Victim of Domestic Violence Incident(Call) Victim #2 Victim Of Domestic Violence Incident(Call)
200 blk Sky Country Ct	Report-Vandalism -Vandalism [\$400 Or Less] - Victim #1 Victim Of Vandalism [\$400 Or Less]
3300 blk Avocado Vista Ln	Suicide-Actual Or Attempt - 5150-Wi-Mental Disorder 72 Hr Observation
1100 blk South Mission Road	Mental Health Evaluation - 5150-Wi-Mental Disorder 72 Hr Observation

July 3

1600 blk S Mission Rd	Missing Person -Missing Adult - Victim Of Missing Adult
500 blk S Main Av	Report-Shoplift -Petty Theft(Shoplift) - Victim Of Petty Theft (Shoplift)
4200 blk Los Padres Dr	Report-Stolen Vehicle -Take Vehicle W/O Owner's Consent/Vehicle Theft(F) - Victim #1 - Victim Of Take Vehicle W/O Owner's Consent/Vehicle Theft Victim #2 - Victim Of Get Credit/Etc Other's Id
200 blk Almond Street	Found Property -Found Property - Victim Of Found Property
2200 blk Via Del Robles	Report-Burglary Residential -Burglary (Residential) - Victim Of Burglary (Residential)
1100 blk S Main Av	Report-Burglary Commercial -Grand Theft:Money/Labor/Property - Victim Of Grand Theft:Money/Labor/Property

July 4

300 blk Potter St	Medical Examiner's Case - Death
2900 blk Mackey Dr	Burglary-In Progress Residential - Burglary (Residential) - Victim Of Burglary (Residential) - Get Credit/Etc Other's Id
2700 blk Reche Rd	Domestic Violence - Spousal/Cohabitant Abuse With Minor Injury - Apparent Minor Injury - Arrestee #1 - Probable Cause Arrest-New Case Arrested For Spousal/Cohabitant Abuse With Minor Injury

July 5

2500 blk Gum Tree Ln	Disturbance, Family - Disord Conduct:Alc - Arrestee #1 - Probable Cause Arrest-New Case Arrested For Disord Conduct:Alc
2900 blk Amber Vista	Welfare Check - Miscellaneous Incidents
100 blk Rancho Camino	Medical Examiner's Case -Death

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Marine pleads not guilty to murder in Fallbrook boy's DUI crash death

Village News staff

Santiago Gaspar, 12-year-old from Fallbrook, was killed on July 4th.

A Camp Pendleton-based Marine accused of driving under the influence and killing 12-year-old Santiago Gaspar, a resident of Fallbrook and student at Potter Jr. High School, pleaded not guilty last Friday, July 7.

Edward Minot, 20, of Mill Spring, North Carolina, is accused in the Tuesday night, July 4th crash that killed Santiago and injured two others in the vehicle. The injured victims were a 27-year-old driver and the victim's 6-year-old brother.

Minot and a passenger in his vehicle were also injured in the crash.

Minot entered his pleas Friday from a hospital and will remain in custody without bail. He faces up to 16 years and eight months to life in state prison if convicted of all charges, according to Deputy District Attorney David Uyar.

According to Oceanside police, the crash happened about 11 p.m. Tuesday, July 4, after an Oceanside police officer was alerted to a white Volkswagen Golf GTI hatchback near Mission Avenue and Myers Street traveling with no lights on.

"The officer attempted to effect a traffic stop northbound on Myers Street just south of Pier View Way," OPD Sgt. Clint Bussey said. "The driver failed to yield and immediately sped north on Myers Street at a high rate of speed."

About 30 seconds later, the suspect's vehicle broadsided the blue Nissan Altima traveling east on Surfrider Way, the sergeant said.

Alcohol and speed were considered to be factors in the collision, Bussey said.

Minot's criminal complaint includes an allegation that he was driving with a blood-alcohol level above .08%, which is the legal driving limit in California. However, the legal driving limit is .01% for those under 21 years of age.



Courtesy photo

A GoFundMe was started for the funeral expenses of Santiago and a car wash is being held to raise funds on July 15 at Happy Jug

Liquor in downtown Fallbrook. Santiago's aunt Lidia, who started the GoFundMe, wrote that her 12 year old nephew passed away on

their way home after watching the fireworks in a fatal car crash. She said he was a young, smart, happy, and outgoing kid.

Missing girl found on Camp Pendleton

Village News Staff

A 14-year-old girl, who had been reported missing June 13, was found on Camp Pendleton by Military Police on June 28.

An Instagram post by an account called @notinregz, which posts content shared by military personnel, showed an unidentified Marine in handcuffs being escorted by military police. The post also included what was said to be a handwritten logbook from Camp Pendleton that mentions the discovery of the girl on the base on June 28, however, the authenticity of the logbook could not be verified.

Casaundra Perez, the aunt of the 14-year-old girl reported missing and found at Camp Pendleton, claims today that the military is

trying to "cover up" the incident.

"This command takes this matter and all allegations very seriously," said a Marine spokesperson. "The incident is under investigation, and we will continue to cooperate with NCIS and appropriate authorities."

The girl, who has not been identified because of her age, was reported missing from her Spring Valley home by her grandmother on June 13, according to the San Diego County Sheriff's Department. Sheriff's officials said the grandmother told them the girl, who had run away before but always returned home quickly, went missing on June 9. The case is being investigated by human trafficking authorities.

The teen's information was entered into multiple missing person databases, including the

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Military police at Camp Pendleton located the girl on June 28 and informed the sheriff's department. Detectives interviewed her and the family was offered services, authorities said.

"When a minor runs away, there is usually an underlying trauma associated. Free counseling and social service programs to help the girl and her family to deal with trauma and personal issues are being offered," Lt. Carpenter, a watch commander for the SCSO, told City News Service.

The girl was not hospitalized, but it was unclear if she sustained any injuries.

Since Camp Pendleton is federal property, Naval Criminal Investigative Services is handling

the investigation. The San Diego County Sheriff's Department and the San Diego Human Trafficking Task Force are supporting NCIS with the investigation, sheriff's officials said.

On June 28, a Marine was taken into custody by military police on the base and questioned by NCIS personnel about his involvement with the girl, NBC7 reported.

"We can confirm that a Marine with Combat Logistics Battalion 5, 1st Marine Logistics Group was taken into custody for questioning by Naval Criminal Investigative Services on June 28, 2023, as seen on social media July 2, 2023," Captain Chuck Palmer of Camp Pendleton-based 1st Marine Logistics Group told the station.

He added that the Marine – who has not been identified – had not

been charged as of Thursday, and remains in the custody of his command.

Perez told the station that her niece has learning disabilities, and was sold to a Marine for sex. Perez posted a video to TikTok in which she said that her family was afraid of retaliation from the military and from the man she believes trafficked her niece.

"Out of respect for the investigative process, NCIS does not comment on, confirm details relating to, or confirm the existence of ongoing investigations," the agency said in a statement.

No identities have been released as the case remains under investigation and it is unknown whether the Marine taken into custody has been released.

Oceanside vegetation fire 60% contained, damages home

Village News Staff

A 21-acre vegetation fire caused minor damage to one home, threatened multiple commercial buildings and was 60% contained, the Oceanside Fire Department said Monday, July 10.

The blaze began at 2:23 p.m. Sunday, July 9, on the edge of a marshy wetland known as Talone Lake, according to fire officials.

Arriving firefighters from Oceanside, Camp Pendleton, and Fallbrook could see thick smoke rising rapidly with flames next to the intersection of Frazee Road and Mission Avenue, an Oceanside battalion chief said.

Crews quickly identified access points into Talone Lake, an area known to contain transient camps and thick vegetation. Multiple fire engines gained access to the fire area and used hose lines, hand tools and chain saws to stop the forward progress of the fire.

NCFPD said, "It was a dirty burn. Even though the fuel is still green, there is dead fuel intermixed, which can carry the fire, with a little bit of wind like this one did to 21 acres," said PIO Choi. He added, "We need to start preparing for fire season. Just because it's green out there doesn't mean that the fire threat is low."

NCFire had three units directly assisting in protecting the perimeter to keep the fire from spreading. "There was a lot of wind, which increases fire spread. The embers from the fire were starting new fires and catching trees on fire."

According to Choi there was one helicopter dropping water but no fixed-wing aircraft. There were fire units from Oceanside, NCFPD, Camp Pendleton, CalFire, Rancho Santa Fe, Vista, Carlsbad, Encinitas.

Shortly after containing the initial fire, another fire about 200 yards further into the vegetation was noticed by fire crews. Heavy vegetation and difficult access allowed the fire to grow out of control and quickly overwhelmed the fire resources assigned, officials said.

Because of the potential for the fire to threaten a nearby residential



Fire crews from Oceanside, Fallbrook and surrounding agencies worked to contain a fire near Talone Lake in Oceanside.

Village News/NCFPD Courtesy photo

neighborhood and shopping center, additional resources were ordered, including law enforcement, fire engines, ladder trucks, a water tender, a Cal Fire San Diego ground crew and a helicopter, the battalion chief said.

During the firefight, crews reported 20- to 30-foot flames threw embers eastward across College Boulevard and into the Walmart Shopping Center, which prompted evacuations of residents and businesses.

The embers and superheated air released into the neighborhood and businesses caused damage to the exterior of one single-family residence and to a cardboard storage bin directly behind Walmart. Water bucket drops made by Cal Fire aircraft and action by ground forces were critical in stopping the forward rate of spread and keeping the fire from extending into homes and businesses, the battalion chief said.

Crews gained control around the

perimeter of the fire, stopped its forward progress and contained it to 21 acres within two-and-a-half hours.

The fire was 60% contained by late Sunday. Two fire engines were continuing to patrol the area to check for hotspots overnight with crews expected to continue checks over the next one to two days until 100% containment can be made.

Firefighters were exposed to smoke and heat, but no firefighters were injured.

The Oceanside Police Department detained and questioned one suspect regarding the fire before being released. No arrests were made. The fire was believed to be caused by an individual with further investigation underway.

The cause of the fire is being investigated by Oceanside Fire Department.

City News Service contributed to this report.

FPUD board chairman Wolk named "Board Member of the Year"

FALLBROOK – Charley Wolk’s resume looks great on paper, but he is so much more than that! Down to earth, this water and agriculture expert is a boots-on-the-ground hard worker. Yet, he is a highly scientific mind when it comes to managing water, resources and agriculture for the Fallbrook Public Utility District’s (FPUD) board of directors.

Wolk has been named the 2023 Board Member of the Year by the California Special Districts Association. The award will be presented Aug. 29 at the CSDA’s annual conference in Monterey. Wolk was surprised by staff at FPUD’s June 26 board meeting with the announcement that he was chosen for the award. He didn’t know the district nominated him for the honor.

“I am humbled,” he said. CSDA is a nonprofit association created in 1969 to promote good governance and improve local services for independent special districts such as water, fire, library, healthcare, and parks and recreation. CSDA has a strong focus on transparency and accountability, and offers its 1,300 organizations: education and training, representation at the state capitol, and current information that is crucial to a special district’s management and operational effectiveness.

Wolk is a standout because, as a longtime board member, he asks for more detail, clearer explanations and breakdowns of issues and dollar figures, fewer acronyms, more frequent analysis, more transparent reports, and that reports are easy for the average layman member-of-the-public to understand.

“Charley always asks the hard questions,” said Jack Bebee, FPUD general manager.

His input has challenged FPUD staff many times to pivot and develop creative and practical ways to achieve his recommendations. He has put this leadership skill to work many times when reviewing fiscal reports, budget plans, strategic plans and other reports.

“Charley’s input is always effective, yet never demanding,” Bebee said.

He has served for 23 years on the board, from 1981 to 1994 when he stepped down and then returned in 2014 when he saw that his help could be used in solving one of the longest-running water rights lawsuits in the state of California.

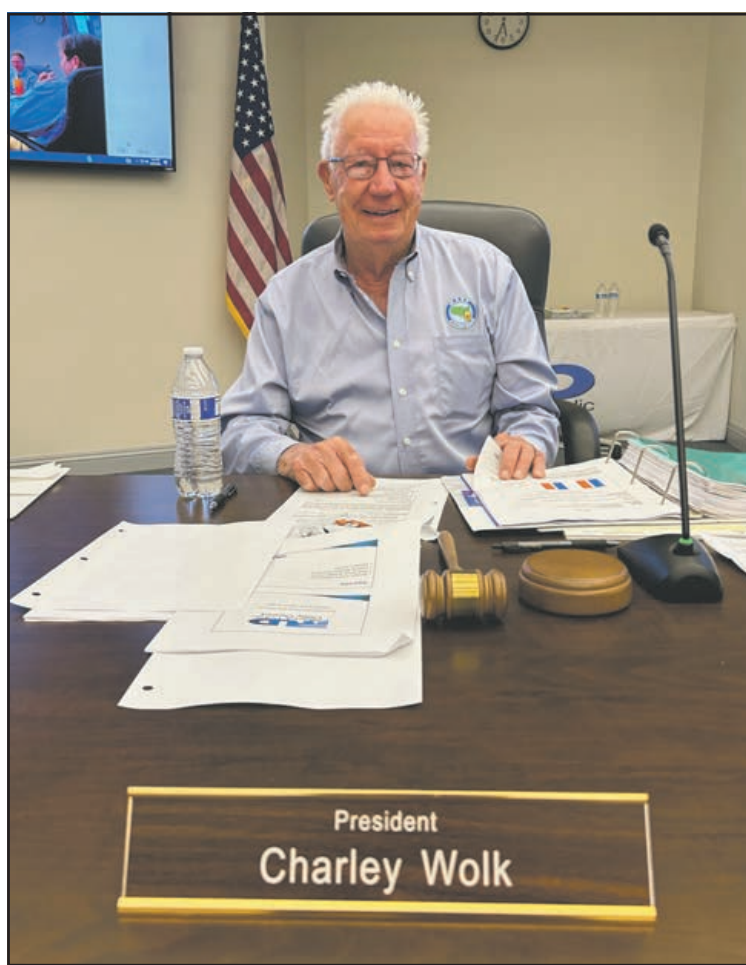
Back in 1951, the federal government sued FPUD over rights to local water in the Santa Margarita River. For seven decades, the district couldn’t use the river’s water that ran right through town, and instead had to buy 100% imported water, which

is much more expensive than local water.

Wolk’s input helped form a solution to the 70-year lawsuit by attending meetings on collaborating and finding a long-term solution to share the river’s water. This ultimately resulted in an end to the lawsuit and a joint project with Camp Pendleton to share the river’s water. The Santa Margarita River Conjunctive Use Project went online in 2021 and now provides about 50% of FPUD’s water – a huge accomplishment.

Wolk has a bachelor’s degree in engineering and a master’s in management engineering. He lends his razor-sharp fiscal brainpower to hone in on a tight water agency budget. He is always looking out for ratepayers by looking for ways to save them money and keep district costs down. He serves as board president and is the chair of the Fiscal Policy and Insurance committee.

Wolk is well known around town as owner and operator of Bejoca Grove & Landscape Management since 1976, providing service to about 30 farms. He is a strong proponent of making agriculture as efficient as possible and has helped numerous farmers convert their avocado farms to water-saving operations. He has been featured on TV news and in newspaper



Charley Wolk will be presented with the 2023 Board Member of the Year by the California Special Districts Association in August. Village News/Courtesy photo

articles as an advocate for farming and lower water costs. Submitted by Fallbrook Public Utility District.

CWA approves rate increases

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

The San Diego County Water Authority board approved SDCWA rates and charges for Calendar Year 2024.

A weighted board vote of 62.951% June 22 approved a rate increase, which on the average will increase the cost of supply purchased from the CWA by 9.5%.

CWA board members Jack Bebee of the Fallbrook Public Utility District, Tom Kennedy of the Rainbow Municipal Water District, Dan McMillan and Joel Scalzitti of the Helix Water District, Lindsay Leahy of the City of Oceanside, Neal Meyers of the Olivenhain Municipal Water District, Kyle Swanson of the Padre Dam Municipal Water District, Joy Lyndes of the San Dieguito Water District, Steve Castaneda of the South Bay Irrigation District, Gary Arant of the Valley Center Municipal Water District and Amy Reeh of the Yuima Municipal Water District cast the votes against the rate increase.

The board vote June 23 also allocated the pro-rata share of fixed charges to each CWA member agency. The 9.5% increase is an average charge for all 24 CWA member agencies, and due to pro-rata shares, the cost may be more or less for specific agencies. The Calendar Year 2024 rates include a 10.6% increase for untreated supply, 14.3% increase of the treatment surcharge and 10% increase in the Customer Service Charge, which is intended to recover costs that support the operations of the CWA. The CWA member agencies have the option of absorbing the rate increase or passing on the additional cost to customers.

The CWA’s rates are based on a melded rate, which melds the cost of water delivered from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD), water purchased from the Imperial Irrigation District (IID) under the Quantification Settlement Agreement (QSA), and water produced by the Claude “Bud” Lewis Carlsbad Desalination Plant. The CWA also has transportation, storage and customer service charges along with fees and charges for fixed expenditures, which are incurred even when water use is reduced.

The CWA also incorporates debt coverage targets into its rate structure with a target debt coverage ratio, or ratio of cash available to debt obligation, of 1.5:1 for senior lien debt (debt secured by collateral in the event of a default) and 1.4:1 for overall debt.

MWD increased the cost of treated water by 3.9% and untreated water by 5.6%. The price of IID water is now tied to an inflation index and will increase by 4%. Electricity accounts for approximately 38% of desalinated

water costs, so the San Diego Gas & Electric rate increase is significantly responsible for an 47% increase in the cost of desalinated water.

The CWA untreated water rate per acre-foot for municipal and industrial (M&I) customers will increase from \$1,085 to \$1,200. The M&I untreated rate was \$909 in 2019, \$925 during 2020, \$940 for 2021 and \$1,009 in 2022.

The melded CWA rate for treatment is based on the cost to purchase treated water from MWD, the cost of desalinated water from the Carlsbad plant and the cost to treat water at the Twin Oaks, Olivenhain and Levy treatment plants (the Levy plant is owned and operated by the Helix Water District, and the CWA purchases treated water from Helix). The treated water surcharge will increase from \$350 to \$400. That surcharge was \$276 during 2019, \$280 for 2020, and \$295 in 2021 and \$310 during 2022.

The per-acre untreated Special Agricultural Water Rate, which was \$755 in 2020, \$777 for 2021 and \$799 in 2022, will be increased from \$855 to \$903. Treated water for SAWR customers will increase from \$1,205 to \$1,303 per acre-foot after being \$1,035 in 2020, \$1,072 during 2021 and \$1,109 in 2022.

The CWA’s transportation rate is a uniform rate set to recover capital, operating and maintenance costs of the CWA’s aqueduct system. The \$173 rate per acre-foot, which was the case for 2022 as well as for this year, will be \$189 in 2024. The rate had been \$132 in 2020 and \$150 during 2021.

The Infrastructure Access Charge is used for fixed expenditures incurred even when water use is reduced. The IAC per meter equivalent, which had been \$4.24 since 2021 after rising from \$3.66 for 2020, will be \$4.41 next year.

A meter under one inch has a 1 meter equivalent and the rates are multiplied by 1.6 for one-inch meters, by 3 for 1.5-inch meters, by 5.2 for two-inch meters, by 9.6 for three-inch meters and by larger factors for meters larger than three inches.

The Customer Service Charge is allocated among member agencies based on a three-year rolling average of all deliveries. The charge had been \$25,600,000 from 2019 to 2022 but increased to \$26,000,000 this year and will be \$28,600,000 for 2024. The pro-rata shares will be \$1,444,874 for the Rainbow Municipal Water District, \$578,390 for the Fallbrook Public Utility District and \$3,617 for Camp Pendleton.

The Storage Charge recovers costs related to emergency service programs and is allocated to member agencies based on a pro-rata share of non-agricultural deliveries using a three-year rolling average. The total charge was

\$65,000,000 from 2017 to 2020 and has been \$60,000,000 since 2021. The overall charge will be \$63,000,000 next year. Rainbow will pay \$1,727,199, FPUD is responsible for \$1,071,929 and the Camp Pendleton amount is \$8,519.

In March 2015, the CWA approved a revised rate structure intended to avoid a situation where conservation resulting in a decrease in water usage leads to the need to increase rates. The CWA added a Supply Reliability Charge while allocating all non-commodity revenues to all rate and charge categories including treatment and applying the debt and equity payments for the Carlsbad desalination plant to the supply rate.

The Supply Reliability Charge is a fixed charge to recover a portion of the QSA and desalination plant costs and is set equal to the difference between the supply cost of desalination and the Imperial County purchases (including MWD’s wheeling charge) and a like amount of water purchased at MWD’s Tier 1 rate multiplied by 25%.

The charge is allocated to CWA member agencies on a pro-rata basis using a five-year rolling average of M&I deliveries. The charge, which had been \$37,430,000 in 2020, \$38,840,000 for 2021 and \$39,340,000 during 2022, is currently \$40,850,000 and will increase to \$43,400,000 for 2024. The member agency amounts include \$1,157,325 due from Rainbow, \$746,541 charged to FPUD and \$7,328 to be paid by Camp Pendleton.

The CWA also has a Standby Availability Charge of \$10 per acre or \$10 per parcel under one acre. That amount will not change.

MWD’s Readiness to Serve Charge, which is set on a fiscal year basis and becomes effective July 1, involves credits for the standby charge and administrative costs. The CWA’s share is allocated to member agencies based on a ten-year rolling average of demands.

The CWA’s charge after standby and administrative credits was reduced from \$12,909,485 during 2019-20 to \$11,739,042 for 2020-21 and \$10,553,506 in 2021-22, increased slightly to \$10,556,052 for 2022-23, and will be \$10,466,961 for 2023-24. The contributions include \$447,670 by Rainbow, \$240,977 from FPUD and \$3,025 of Camp Pendleton payments.

MWD has a Capacity Charge which is allocated to CWA member agencies proportionately based on a five-year rolling average of flows during peak periods. The total charge to the CWA, which rose from \$8,019,440 in 2020 to \$9,153,850 for 2021 to \$10,437,100 in 2022, was dropped to \$7,668,040 for 2023 and will be \$9,429,280 next year. The cost to Rainbow will be \$411,389, FPUD’s share will be \$217,091 and Camp Pendleton will provide \$707.

The CWA also has a System Capacity Charge which is a one-time charge for new system connections and recovers the proportionate cost of the existing and planned system serving the new customers. The System Capacity Charge per meter equivalent, which increased from \$5,301 in 2020 to \$5,312 for 2021 new connections to \$5,328 for 2022, is currently \$5,700 and that will also be the amount next year.

A Water Treatment Capacity Charge which recovers a portion of the regional water treatment facility expenses but exempts City of Del Mar, City of Escondido and

City of Poway customers who cannot benefit from that service will remain at \$159 per meter equivalent after being \$147 in 2020, \$148 during 2021 and \$149 in 2022.

The CWA Annexation Fee, which was \$10,729 during 2020, \$10,771 in 2021 and \$10,801 for 2022, is now \$11,156 and that amount will be unchanged for next year. The annexation fee does not include the CWA member agency and MWD annexation fees, nor does it include the Local Agency Formation Commission processing fee for the annexation.

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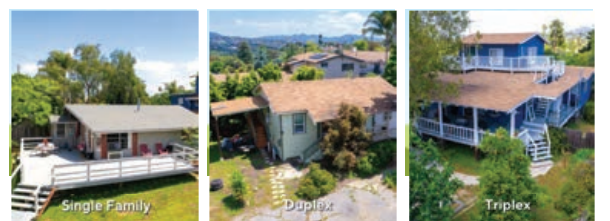
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Six young ladies are ready to represent Fallbrook



The newly crowned 2023 Miss Fallbrook court poses for their first group photo, from left, First Princess Hannah Burke, Miss Fallbrook Mallory Sehnert and Second Princess Zolinn Cass, July 8.



Sarah Palmer is crowned the 2023 Miss Teen Fallbrook.



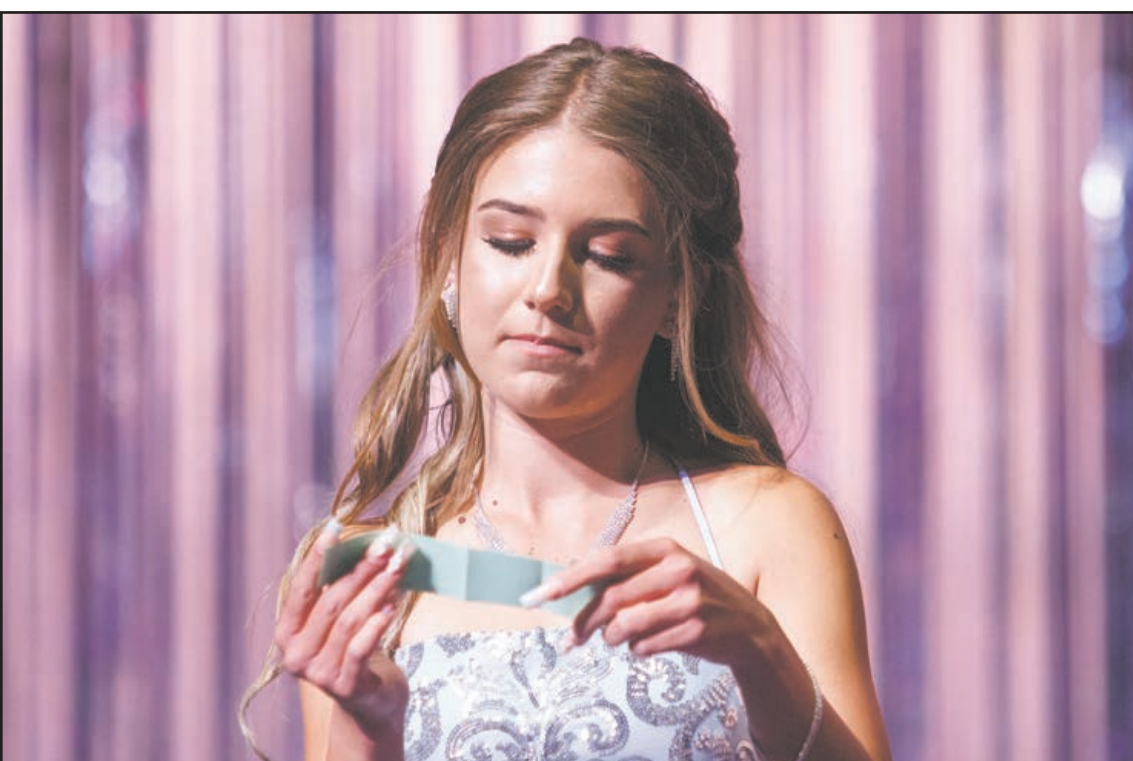
2023 Miss Teen Fallbrook court takes the stage, from left, First Princess Madyson Hayes, Miss Teen Fallbrook Sarah Palmer and Second Princess Morgyn Stack at the Bob Burton Center for the Performing Arts.



Mallory Sehnert waves to the audience after Village News/Shane Gibson photo being crowned the 2023 Miss Fallbrook.



Miss Teen Fallbrook contestant Jezabella Uribe participates in the evening gown portion of the 2023 Miss Fallbrook & Miss Teen Fallbrook Scholarship Pageant.



Miss Teen Fallbrook contestant Daylee Ramsay reads her impromptu question during the 2023 Miss Fallbrook & Miss Teen Fallbrook Scholarship Pageant.



Miss Teen Fallbrook contestant Lila Tapia participates in the casual wear portion of the 2023 Miss Fallbrook & Miss Teen Fallbrook Scholarship Pageant, July 8.

HEALTH

Hope Clinic for Women awarded a million dollar match grant

FALLBROOK – In July 2022, Zion Lutheran Church in Fallbrook approached Hope Clinic for Women (HCW) with an invitation to partner with them as a congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS) to seek a Million Dollar Life Match Grant.

It was a call to Zion to love women vulnerable to abortion, and families facing challenges at the beginning-of-life stages of their children, demonstrating this love through many acts of mercy in their communities. The Match Grant challenged Zion to raise up to \$50,000 in congregational and community giving by April 1, 2023, that had the possibility of a match of up to \$50,000 by the LCMS Office of National Mission.

Zion took on that challenge and together they and HCW submitted a grant request that if matched would provide a total of \$100,000 for projects that HCW specified in the grant and that met LCMS eligibility. By April 1, this year, Zion attained their goal by collecting \$50,048.40.

On May 24, Zion was notified that LCMS would award the Million Dollar Life Match Grant submitted by Zion and HCW in the amount of \$50,000. In early June, HCW received a check from Zion for \$50,048.40 and on June 7, Pastor Aaron Pingel of Zion delivered a check for \$50,000 from LCMS completing the LCMS Matching Life Grant totaling \$100,000 and presented it to staff and volunteers from HCW.

Projects eligible for The Million Dollar Life Match Grant included existing, expanding, or new projects that support the needs of families during the beginning-of-life stage of their children and help LCMS congregations provide spiritual, emotional, and physical

care to strengthen families in communities across the United States.

The Million Dollar Life Match Grant submitted by Zion and HCW was titled, “Informed Moms and Dads Choose Life.” The grant was successful in expanding Zion’s local, beginning-of-life mercy efforts, and shared those efforts with the community as members of the congregation are engaged in regular volunteer opportunities at HCW. At HCW, it funded an existing project by adding an additional day of clinic and pregnancy services (Tuesdays) to the three days a week that HCW was open (Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday) allowing HCW to offer more services when they are needed.

It expanded an existing project by allowing HCW to add a second ultrasound to offer multiple ultrasounds each hour allowing more moms and dads to see their babies for the first time. The grant also funded a new project with the establishment of a new Fatherhood Program increasing the number of men utilizing services at HCW and encouraging and enabling them to build strong families.

Carolyn Koole, executive director of HCW said that the impact of local churches like Zion on HCW is immeasurable, “We were established by churches and individuals over 20 years ago that valued and supported the life of the mother, the father, and the baby. Then and now, moms and dads need listening ears and to have established relationships with men and women who can walk them through some of the most challenging days of their lives offering not just help but hope and a chance to grow their faith in something outside of their circumstances. They need to



Pastor Aaron Pingel of Zion Lutheran Church, center, visits the staff and volunteers of Hope Clinic for Women to present the matching \$50,000 grant, from left, Melinda Zimmerman, Kari Wickman, Joan Perkins, Jessica Landin, Carolyn Koole, Pingel, Adriana De La Vega Wolfe, Brenda Robinson, Erika Luis-Chavez and Leslie Nisly, June 7.

know, with God’s help, seemingly impossible things are possible, and that they are stronger than they think.”

For more information about the services provided at HCW and the volunteer opportunities available, call 760-728-4105, ext.10 or visit

www.hopefallbrook.com.
Submitted by Hope Clinic for Women.

Family conversations about advance health care directives



Dr. Leslee B. Cochrane
Special to the Village News

We all understand the importance of planning. We plan for graduations and weddings, we plan for retirement and we love to plan for vacations; but most Americans do not consider the importance of planning when it comes to medical decision making. Talking about your healthcare wishes with your family is a gift. If you become critically ill and cannot communicate, your loved ones and medical team must make important

decisions about your care. These decisions will have serious impacts on your end-of-life experience.

Creating an advance directive and learning how to discuss end-of-life care with your loved ones will help to ensure your wishes will be honored and, more importantly, spare your loved ones from guessing about your preferences. The best time to have this discussion is when you are well and long before you are facing a medical emergency.

One of the most important decisions is to select whom you will name as your Health Care

Power of Attorney (HC-POA). Your HC-POA will be the person who you designate to act on your behalf, should a medical condition incapacitate you from being able to do so. You will also want to select an alternate should your first choice be unavailable.

An excellent resource to help facilitate a discussion with your family regarding advance directives is known as “The Five Wishes.” This easy-to-use self-guided document allows you to complete an advance directive, select a Health Care Power of Attorney, and

have the peace of mind to know that it meets the State of California’s legal requirements when completed as directed.

If you would like to receive a complimentary copy of “The Five Wishes” for your family, contact Kristi Necochea- Director of Community Relations at Hospice of the Valleys, 951-200-7800 or visit <https://www.fivewishes.org>.

Leslee B. Cochrane, M.D., is the executive medical director of Hospice of the Valleys.

County hires Chief Dental Officer

Gig Conaughton
County of San Diego
Communications Office

The County of San Diego has a new Chief Dental Officer, Fadra M. Whyte, DMD, MPH, who has joined to help develop policies and expand programs that promote oral health to all San Diegans.

“Dr. Whyte will be a valuable addition to our team,” said Dr. Eric McDonald, interim director of the Health and Human Services Agency. “She brings a wealth of experience working with children and youth and will really help us expand our oral health outreach.”

Whyte has worked as a board-certified pediatric dentist at San Ysidro Health for the past 10 years. She is faculty for the NYU Langone Pediatric Dental Residency Program co-located at Rady Children’s Hospital in San Diego, mainly treating children with special health care needs.

“I’m very excited and grateful for this opportunity,” said Whyte, who is joining the HHS’s Medical Care Services department. “I am looking forward to expanding oral health initiatives to all San Diegans including youth, adults with special health care needs, seniors and those in the county’s

most rural areas.”

Whyte earned her undergraduate degree at the University of Pittsburgh, and her doctorate of dental medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. She went on to complete a two-year residency in pediatric dentistry in Brooklyn, NY and a master’s degree in public health from A.T. Still University. She worked as a pediatric dentist in New York City prior to moving to San Diego.

Whyte will also work closely with the Local Oral Health Program, which is managed under Public Health Services. The programs include the Dental Health Initiative/Share the Care program and the Child Health and Disability Prevention program. Those programs work with other public agencies, private groups and a network of pro-bono dentists to conduct no-cost or reduced-cost emergency dental care for children. They also organize dental health screenings and promote

preventive dental care for children. And they teach people about the important link between oral health and people’s overall health.

Some of the other actions Whyte will lead include:

Studying and making recommendations about proposed legislation that would affect people’s access to dental services.

Talking with professional organizations across the state, engaging with San Diegans, community groups, public officials and county staff to further develop the county’s oral health strategic plan.

Identifying grant opportunities and training county staff to help write grant applications.

Last year, HHS reported numerous accomplishments from its Local Oral Health Program, including:

Worked with the state to train 23 pediatric providers who care for infants, children and youth about oral health and how to apply



Fadra M. Whyte, DMD, MPH, is the new Chief Dental Officer for San Diego County.

teeth-protecting fluoride varnish treatments.

Trained more than 80 dental providers who serve people receiving Medi-Cal to help educate their patients about the importance of oral health and linkages between nutrition and oral health.

Conducted annual trainings for new school nurses and health care staff across the county about the importance of oral health education, prevention and about reporting data about children’s oral health on the Kindergarten Oral Health Assessment (KOHA). The percentage of schools reporting that data in the county has increased from 43% in 2018 to 77% in 2021.

Gave out 3,555 free toothbrush kits through school meal programs during school closures during the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information, visit https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/about_hhsa.html.

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As we age, we all want to stay in the comfort of our own homes as long as possible. This is what aging in place is all about. It means staying in the familiar surroundings of your home instead of moving to a long-term care facility or retirement home.

If your loved one only needs a little help with their daily activities, has a supportive network of friends and family, and can access the right home care services, staying at home could be an excellent option. It's essential to explore all the available services to determine if aging in place is the best way for them to maintain their independence and enjoy their golden years.

It's no secret that the home care industry has grown significantly in recent years. With more than 3.4 million workers across the United States, these dedicated individuals provide critical personal assistance to older adults and individuals with disabilities in both in-home and community-based settings. This shift towards aging in place has meant that long-term services and support are more personalized and effective.

It can be tough to admit that our loved ones need some help. We're used to them being independent and taking care of themselves,

but as time passes, it can become more and more difficult for them to do so. In-home care services, including various helpful services, can help them stay home for as long as possible.

In-home care refers to a range of supportive services for individuals who require assistance with daily living activities but wish to remain in the comfort of their own homes. These services can include assistance with personal care, meal preparation, medication management, transportation, light housekeeping, and more. In-home care is typically provided by trained and experienced caregivers who work for reputable and dependable agencies.

When people and families need help with long-term care, one of the biggest challenges is finding a homecare worker compatible with their needs and resources. Many rely on their networks for referrals.

Finding reliable care is the most crucial factor in hiring home care workers, with most consumers reporting this as a top priority. The emotional aspect of this work is significant, with the importance of a worker's demonstration of love and care. Ensure the caregiver agency you choose properly screens their caregivers.

Personal care services are specifically designed to cater to the individual needs of seniors who require assistance with daily activities. These services promote independence, maintain personal hygiene, and ensure a safe and comfortable living environment.

Personal care services

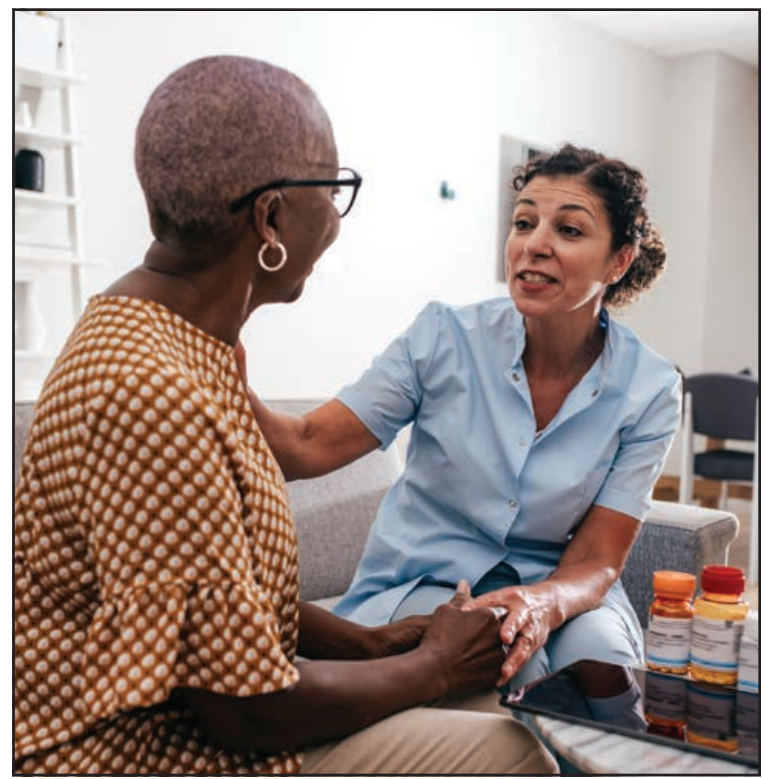
encompass assistance with various activities of daily living (ADLs) that may become challenging for seniors. These include bathing and grooming, dressing and mobility, toileting, incontinence care, and medication reminders.

One of the top areas of concern in aging is a decline in healthy eating for seniors making proper nutrition essential. Maintaining energy, weight and syncing dietary needs to support medical conditions are factors in establishing a healthy quality of life. Professional caregivers are a great resource to help facilitate a healthy diet.

There are many ways to improve nutritional health during the aging process, such as consuming more liquids, meal planning, minimizing the use of salt, reading all dietary labels, taking note of recommended serving sizes, reducing consumption of sugar, and aiding in consuming "healthy" fats. Hiring trained caregivers helps ensure a healthy diet.

If you have a loved one who needs help with chores like light housekeeping and laundry, hiring a caregiver to help can be a great solution. It can take a lot of pressure off you and your loved one and allow you to use your time more effectively.

One way to decide if hiring out this task is worth it is to calculate how much time you spend performing your loved ones' housekeeping chores. Once you have a better idea, you can decide whether to hire a professional caregiver. Services can be arranged weekly, biweekly, or monthly



Personal care services promote independence, maintain personal hygiene, and ensure a safe and comfortable living environment, enabling adults to stay in their homes as they age.

depending on their needs.

Transportation is a significant concern for older adults. Driving can be challenging, especially at night, limiting their ability to go places and stay socially connected. In-home care providers often offer transportation services as well as travel companionship options.

Home care agencies can provide door-through-door service and help with shopping arrangements and medical appointments. If a client is homebound or prefers

to stay home, the aide can shop for them.

These activities are essential to maintain a high quality of life, whether it's helping someone with dressing, bathing, transportation, or meal preparation. In-home care services are available from a few hours daily to around-the-clock live-in care.

These skilled professionals can make a difference in the lives of those who need them.

Nutrition offers a holistic path to wellness

FALLBROOK – North County Parkinson's Support Group Fallbrook invites anyone interested to join its monthly Parkinson's Support Group meeting, Friday July 28, 10 a.m. to Noon, at the Fallbrook Regional Health and Wellness Center 1636 E. Mission Road. The speaker will be Shelly Cobb, founder and CEO of Thrive Wellness and Research Corporation in Temecula.

Cobb will talk about "Nutrition, A Holistic Approach to Wellness." She is a board-certified holistic health educator specializing in nutrition and exercise. She embarked on a personal health journey due to a health crisis and autoimmune issues. She understands first-hand what it takes to thrive well. Now she uses her passion for health and nutrition to help others achieve optimal health, fitness, and wellness.

Cobb has degrees in education and holistic nutrition; she is a holistic nutrition professional, holistic health practitioner, certified personal trainer and wellness coach as well as an autoimmune paleo coach and certified gluten free practitioner.

She has had autoimmune issues ever since she was a baby. She also had childhood epilepsy from age 1-23 and currently has Celiac disease. A holistic doctor helped her turn her health around and encouraged her to become a nutritionist. "I love helping people improve their health through nutrition, lifestyle education, and exercise. Seeing clients succeed in improving their health and reaching their goals is one of the best joys, and I am thankful to be part of it," Cobb said.

"If a person understands their health and what is needed to improve it, they will apply that advice. It is here at this junction where change can take place and lives are changed," she added.

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

Meetings are held in support of persons with Parkinson's disease, care partners and people interested in improving the world of those affected by Parkinson's disease, on the fourth Friday of every month.

For more information, call Irene, 760-731-0171 or Lorie, 760-453-3045 or email NCPSGF@gmail.com.

Submitted by the Fallbrook Parkinson's Support Group.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Fallbrook Music Society presents season opener Aug. 27

FALLBROOK – On Sunday, Aug. 27, the highly acclaimed TAKE3 will take to the stage to open Fallbrook Music Society’s 46th concert season. From this genre-defying trio where pop, rock and classical fusion collide to the Season Finale with the much-anticipated return of Fallbrook’s favorite, Redlands Symphony, the 2023-2024 program promises to be one of the best, most diverse seasons in Fallbrook Music Society’s history.

“As an organization, we’re constantly searching to find and bring performances of excellence to our community, and this upcoming season is no exception. As always, we will present programs featuring the highest levels of classically trained performers – but with a few twists,” said Bob Freaney, President of Fallbrook Music Society. “In addition to the standards of Bach and Beethoven, most programs will feature music outside of the classical music genre, and almost all are free admission,” he added.

Here’s a lineup of the upcoming season:

Sunday, Aug. 27 – 2 p.m. – TAKE3 – Mission Theater – Admission charge

With their unmistakable style, rock star charisma and incredible range of music – from the Beatles and Leonard Cohen to Beethoven – TAKE3 is the Music Society’s most requested reprise group ever. These world-class artists are much more than great entertainers; with their infectious joy in music-making, they connect with their audiences on an emotional level.

Expect a brilliant performance.

Sunday, Sept. 24 – 2 p.m. – Santa Barbara Trio – Mission Theater – Free

No stranger to the Fallbrook stage, world-renowned pianist Jacopo Giacopuzzi brings a new sound with violinist Tony Navarro and cellist Katrina Agate. This exceptional threesome will leave an indelible mark on the audience as they present a unique sound that crosses over classical and popular selections in a program that will inspire audiences of all ages.

Sunday, Oct. 22 – 2 p.m. – Rastrelli Cello Quartet – Mission Theater – Free

This group from Germany is visiting Fallbrook as part of their North American tour, and to say their performances are breathtaking is an understatement. The four cellos have such diverse sounds that they almost sound like an old piano playing ragtime, a saxophone of the Glenn Miller Orchestra – or Piazzolla’s bandoneon. This concert is a must-see!

Sunday, Nov. 12 – 2 p.m. – Yu&I – Mission Theater – Free

These two exciting artists have dazzled audiences throughout the United States and Europe. This guitar and violin duo’s arrangements vary from traditional to boundary breaking. Whatever is beautiful and lends itself to a soaring violin and intricate guitar might be played at this performance – from Argentine tangos to Spanish and German dances, mountain songs and Scottish airs to haunting gypsy songs.



Internationally known musical artists TAKE3 (piano, violin, cello) take center stage for Fallbrook Music Society’s 46th Season Opener Sunday, Aug. 27, in the Mission Theater. Village News/Courtesy photo

Sunday, Dec. 3 – 2 p.m. – Scott Wilkie Quartet – “Joy” – Mission Theater – Admission charge

This concert will officially put everyone into the Christmas spirit! Best-selling contemporary jazz keyboardist Scott Wilkie returns by popular demand with his wildly popular “Joy” program. With Scott’s unique arrangements of holiday favorites and his fresh interpretations of traditional season classics, the group’s renditions of familiar songs gain new life in a dynamic program.

Sunday, Jan. 21 – 2 p.m. – “Back to Beatles” – Mission Theater – Free

This talented trio of renowned San Diego based musicians, Fred Benedetti, Peter Sprague and Mackenzie Leighton, will present

a varied program of creative jazz arrangements of Beatles songs, some folk and rock, many original compositions, and even a little flamenco! These exceptional artists bring a level of precision and discipline to their music-making that will all add up to an inspirational listening experience.

Sunday, Feb. 18 – 2 p.m. – Quarteto Nuevo – Mission Theater – Free

This group merges Western classical, eastern European folk, Latin and jazz with an organic feel that packs a wallop with soundscapes that represent very different world cultures. For this special concert, they will be joined by Grammy Award-winning Jazz Pianist and Arranger Bill Cunliffe. Their unique instrumentation

richly colors their wide-ranging repertoire, in a not to be missed concert experience.

Sunday, April 7 – 2 p.m. – Redlands Symphony – Four Seasons – Bob Burton Center for the Performing Arts – Admission charge

Fallbrook’s favorite symphony is back after a 10-year hiatus! This is a tour de force program that pairs the old world Baroque style of Vivaldi’s Four Seasons with the Argentinian tango and South American dance rhythms of Piazzolla’s Four Seasons of Buenos Aires.

For more information and tickets, go to www.fallbrookmusicsociety.org or call (760) 451-8644.

Submitted by the Fallbrook Music Society.

My Hero, Our Heroes art competition

FALLBROOK – The “My Hero, Our Heroes” Art Competition invites artists to create their special “hero” themed work of art. Fallbrook Propane Gas Company continues its sponsorship.

The competition asks artists “Who’s your hero?” A “hero” is defined differently by most everyone. A hero could be someone in the military, a family member, a pet, a friend, a role model – even a “superhero” or a heroic act. Someone or something significant in the artists’ life.

There will be two categories: 2-Dimensional and Photography. The cash prizes in the 2-Dimensional category will be first place at \$300, second place at \$200 and third place at \$100. The photography category will be first place at \$150, second place at \$125 and third place at \$100. One additional award in each category will be presented by the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce.

Artwork must be delivered to the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce office, located at 111 S. Main Ave., on Saturday, Aug. 26 between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.



“My Hero Gives Me Unconditional Love” by Dunya Shaw

The community is invited to vote for the “People’s Choice Award” during the month of September at the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce office. A reception will be held to announce the winners

Sept. 23. To register or request the rules and entry form, contact Anita Kimzey at 714-222-2462 or fpccartcompetitions@gmail.com. The rules and entry form can



Village News/Courtesy photos “On Guard” by Mike Adams

also be picked up at Fallbrook Propane Gas Co., the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce (or downloaded from their website at fallbrookchamberofcommerce.org), The Gallery FAA (300 N.

Brandon) and the Green Art House (1075 S. Mission Rd. Ste. D).

Submitted by Anita Kimzey, event coordinator.

Theatre Talk: What’s playing around the county

Elizabeth Youngman-Westphal

Special to The Village news

Hold on. Here she comes. “Tina” is coming to town July 27! “Tina Turner the Musical” is guaranteed to knock your wig off. Tickets are on sale now at Broadway San Diego, 3651 4th or <https://www.broadwaysd.com/>. Parking is close by under Wells Fargo Bank. Ask the box office 619-564-3000.

The Cygnet Theatre in Old Town will open “Evita” on Aug. 9. Book early. For details go to <https://www.cygnettheatre.com> or call 619-337-1525.

The California Center for the Arts opened “Bottle Shock” last weekend. First the movie, now the play about how Napa wine came to prominence after a blind tasting in the French countryside. Closing July 23. 340 N. Escondido Blvd., Escondido 92025, 760-839-4149, <http://artcenter.org>

King’s Players will perform “Seussical, The Musical” at Christ the King Lutheran Church this weekend and next weekend as its closing show before longtime resident Mary Fry leaves us. Tickets are available at <http://www.curtaincallcompany.com>.

Lambs’ Playhouse continues with a “Cotton Patch Gospel”. It is a fantastic show; rated 10 out of 10! For tickets, call 619-437-6000, 1142 Orange Ave. Coronado, <https://www.lambsplayers.org/>.

La Jolla Playhouse is introducing “Is it Thursday Yet?” at 2910 La Jolla Village Drive, 858-550-1010, <https://www.lajollaplayhouse.org>.

Closer to home at New Village Arts you won’t want to miss “A Weekend with Picasso.” It’s so good, it is coming back, 2787 State St., Carlsbad, 760-433-3245, <https://newvillagearts.org>.

In Solana Beach, “Pippin” is opening at the end of the month at North Coast Repertory. It’s another great musical. To save money you can go to the pre-opening shows, 987 Lomas Santa Fe, Solana Beach, 858-481-1055, <https://northcoastrep.org>.

Shakespeare is back at the Old Globe Theater in Balboa Park. For ticket information, call 619-234-5623 or visit <https://www.theoldglobe.org> Don’t forget to get prepaid parking. Ask the box office.

We’ll miss Sam Shepard’s reading of “True West” by the Roustabouts Theatre players. They have some fun stuff coming up.



Starring in “Pippin” at North Coast Repertory are, from left, Amy Smith, Robert Zelaya and Leslie Stevens. Village News/Aaron Rumley photo

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in the musical satire known as “Urinetown” July 21 to 30, 4650 Mercury St., 92111. Free Parking, call 858-560-5740 or visit www.sdmto.org for tickets.

Tribute bands continue playing on weekends at The Welk

Resort close by in Escondido now featuring the songs of Neil Diamond. For tickets, visit <https://tickets.thewelksandiego.com/>.

Elizabeth can be reached at eyoungman@reedermedia.com.

SPORTS

Pedro to play volleyball for Ottawa University

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

Manava Pedro, who concluded four years of varsity boys volleyball for Fallbrook High School this spring, will continue his scholastic volleyball career at Ottawa University in Arizona.

"I'm just really excited to play for them," Pedro said. "I just want to go there and play better, get some experience, make some friends there, and just have fun playing some top teams."

Ottawa University is in the Phoenix suburb of Surprise. The Spirit play in the Golden State Athletic Conference. The 2023 men's volleyball team had a 5-5 GSAC record which shared third place in the standings, and Ottawa's 16-8 overall mark reflects a 1-1 record in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics tournament.

Pedro was also considering Simpson University, which is in Redding, before choosing Ottawa University. "I liked the area more," he said.

"After visiting I really loved it," Pedro said. "I really liked the coaches. I got along with them really well."

Both of Pedro's parents are volleyball coaches. His father, Chip Patterson, is Fallbrook High School's boys and girls head volleyball coach. Boys volleyball was not a high school sport when Patterson attended Lake Clifton High School in Baltimore, Maryland. He was a three-sport athlete for the Lakers,

playing quarterback on the football team, forward on the basketball team, and pitcher, catcher, and first baseman on the baseball team.

Patterson spent 27 years in the United States Marine Corps, which brought him to San Diego County and which also initiated his volleyball playing career. He began his coaching career as a player/assistant coach and became a player/head coach before transitioning to a coach-only role. His Marine Corps coaching activity included leading a base travel team.

Patterson was an assistant coach for Fallbrook High School's girls team in 2013 before taking over as head coach in 2014, and he has been the boys head coach since 2014.

"I'm proud of him signing," Patterson said of Pedro.

"It's going to be great for him," Patterson said. "This is one of the only programs where the volleyball team has a whole dedicated locker room."

Pedro's mother, Leilani Pedro, is a 1989 El Camino High School graduate. She played volleyball for the Wildcats and then played at Palomar Community College. She is currently a Fallbrook High School assistant volleyball coach.

"My parents have been coaching high school for a long time, so when I was younger, I would practice with the high school team," Pedro said.

Pedro is the youngest of six children. His brother Justice Patterson played for Fallbrook High School before graduating in 2017 and subsequently played for Menlo

College and for Park University in Arizona.

The family moved from Oceanside to Fallbrook when Pedro was 3 years old. He attended St. Peter the Apostle Catholic School from kindergarten through eighth grade. Pedro was 11 when he began playing club volleyball.

The coronavirus outbreak limited Fallbrook's 2020 season to 11 matches although Pedro was on the Warriors' varsity as a freshman. As a sophomore, the Valley League coaches placed Pedro on the all-league first team, and Pedro was also a Valley League first team selection in 2022 and 2023.

Pedro was primarily a setter and played outside hitter at times both in 2021 and in 2022, and in 2023 he was primarily an outside hitter who also played setter. During the club season Pedro played for the SD Beach Club which is based in Vista.

In his youth Pedro also played rugby, baseball, and basketball although he played no sports other than volleyball at Fallbrook High School.

His favorite high school volleyball memories were when teams other than the Warriors were playing. "Every year we went to watch a college volleyball game," he said.

Having lunch, talking, and otherwise being with his friends is Pedro's favorite overall Fallbrook High School memory.

Ottawa University has an Exercise Science major, and Pedro is leaning towards that academic focus in college.



Manava Pedro is going to play volleyball for Ottawa University in Arizona. Village News/Shane Gibson photo

Senior softball to hold draft July 26

FALLBROOK – Fallbrook Senior Softball is welcoming new players who are 50 plus years of age. Games are played at Ingold Sports Park Mondays through Thursdays at 4 p.m. Each team is

scheduled to play two games per week.

Potential players must show for a screening prior to being placed on a team so that appropriate placement can be made. The current season is

under way and the teams welcome all potential players to come for a screening, practice and get into game shape by attending any of their pre-game warm-ups at 3:30.

There are two screening dates

left in this season: July 13 and July 20. Their next draft is scheduled for July 26. Interested players may email Commissioner Chuck at ChuckMattes19@gmail.com. Additional preliminary information

including registration forms and an overview of the league can be found on <http://fallbrookseniorsoftball.org/>.

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Fallbrook celebrates July 4th at Rotary breakfast

FALLBROOK – Many local community members celebrated July 4th by attending the Rotary Club of Fallbrook's Independence Day Pancake Breakfast held at the Fallbrook Community Center. Breakfast, consisting of pancakes, sausage, orange slices, coffee, and orange juice, was served to 295 guests.

Attendees enjoyed the opening program that included the presentation of Colors done by the Fallbrook Union High School Marine Corps Junior ROTC, the National Anthem, and an Invocation.

Guests were greeted by the American Legion and the Sheriff's Volunteer Patrol which both had booths in front of the community center. Many children enjoyed the face painting activity.

The Dog Show included a field trial obedience demonstration by Ron Hall and his dog Case and Kadi Thingval of Dantero Kennels and her Malinois. Community members brought their dogs and competed for prizes in categories such as obedience, best smile, ugliest, shortest and longest legs, best hat, owner look alike, and best trick.

Fundraising chair Dale Mitchell said, "Thank you to our sponsors, including Ross E. Curtis Allstate, whose contributions supported both the pancake breakfast and the dog show."

Proceeds from the event will go to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, Camp Pendleton.

Submitted by Rotary Club of Fallbrook.

Lucia Mochel, an immigrant from New Zealand, tells the audience what it's like to be in the U.S.A. compared to New Zealand.

Village News/David Landry photos



The opening ceremony at the Rotary Club of Fallbrook's July 4th pancake breakfast includes the U.S.M.C. JROTC Cadet Color Guard from Fallbrook High School, from left, Mia Hill, Cruz Arroyo, Everly Arwood and Brianna Lucchusi.



Rose Marie Peralta enjoys her breakfast of pancakes with sausage and orange juice at the Fallbrook Community Center.



Nick Brust from the District Office of Senator Brian Jones gives a Certificate of Recognition to Dale Mitchell, event coordinator and former president of the Rotary Club of Fallbrook.



Kadi Thingvall, owner and main trainer of Katie, has been training dogs for over 30 years.



Aislin Escodebo paints the face of Juli Sala while Juli's brother Rocco watches. Rocco is the famous Spiderman.



San Diego County Sheriff's Department Fallbrook's Senior Volunteers Cindy Roark and Alan Wadham look for volunteers to join the program, which has two-week classes coming up. Participants must be at least 50 years old and pass a background screening process that includes a computer check of driving and criminal history, as well as an oral interview.

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Sehnert wins steer showmanship at county fair

Given two scholarships



Mallory Sehnert and Stoney LaRue show off their blue ribbon earned in the FFA advanced division market beef showmanship at the San Diego County Fair. Village News/Trisha Sehnert photo

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

Mallory Sehnert and one of her steers won the Future Farmers of America advanced division market beef showmanship at the San Diego County Fair.

Sehnert, a member of Fallbrook High School's FFA chapter, showed her Maine cross steer

Stoney LaRue and won the showmanship competition.

"It was a really great feeling, and all of my hard work really paid off," Sehnert said.

This year Sehnert showed five animals at the San Diego County Fair: two in the open breed show and three in the market livestock show. Her two open breed show entries were both gilts (female

pigs that have not yet had a litter). Princess Sophia was born in December and Honey was born in January. The breed show classes are by age, and both Princess Sophia and Honey placed second in their class. Princess Sophia and Honey are both Hampshire crosses.

Sehnert entered a Hampshire cross barrow (male pig) in the market livestock show. Krull was born in December and weighed 253 pounds. Although he did not win his class, Sehnert and Krull took second in the FFA advanced division pig showmanship.

Sehnert also entered two 16-month-old steers in the market livestock show. Stoney LaRue, who was acquired from Hilbert Show Steers in Iowa, weighed 1,356 pounds. Parker McCollum, a Simmental cross acquired from Burke Show Cattle of Nebraska, was 1,091 pounds.

Stoney LaRue placed first in the 1,356 to 1,402 pounds weight class. Parker McCollum was in the weight class for steers from 1,047 to 1,093 pounds and placed second to a 1,093-pound steer raised by Fallbrook FFA member Landon Critz.

The FFA weight class champions and reserve champions then compete for FFA grand champion and FFA reserve champion. Fallbrook FFA swept the market beef weight class championships. Critz had two weight class champions while Clayton Critz, Jezabella Uribe, and Sehnert each raised a weight class champion steer. The Critz twins took the top FFA honors with Clayton Critz receiving FFA grand champion distinction for his 1,327-pound steer and Landon Critz raising the 1,208-pound FFA

reserve champion.

An exhibitor may only sell one large animal at the fair's auction, which this year took place June 24. Sehnert designated Parker McCollum for the auction while negotiating barn sales for Stoney LaRue and Krull. Ocean Hill Equine Medical Group and Bello Lei Salon combined to purchase Parker McCollum for \$8.50 per pound.

The master showmanship competition for all large animals took place June 25. The market livestock beef, dairy cattle, market goat, dairy goat, lamb and swine showmanship winners do not use their own animals in the master showmanship competition. Sehnert placed third in the FFA advanced master showmanship.

The auction wasn't Sehnert's only source of money from the fair. She received both a Junior Livestock Auction Scholarship and an Oscar Ledesma Memorial Scholarship, which is named after the Fallbrook 4-H and Fallbrook FFA member who passed away in February 2022.

The Don Diego Scholarship Foundation administers the Junior Livestock Auction Scholarship program. A Junior Livestock Auction Scholarship recipient must have entered an animal in the county fair's market livestock show, and it must have placed high enough to earn a blue ribbon and go to auction.

Scholastic grades, extracurricular activities and fair activity are among the criteria. The students are ranked, a bar chart with scores but not names is shown to the selection committee and the committee uses that chart to allocate the scholarship money for each position. Sehnert received

a \$2,000 Junior Auction Livestock Scholarship.

"It's super special that the Don Diego supports exhibitors the way they do, and it was an awesome experience to be a part of it and be selected," Sehnert said.

Sehnert was also on Fallbrook High School's varsity field hockey team for four years as well as in FFA, and she was involved in the National Charity League. She was in Fallbrook 4-H for four years before joining Fallbrook FFA and first participated in the San Diego County Fair as a market livestock exhibitor in 2015.

The Oscar Ledesma Memorial Scholarship is offered to San Diego County high school seniors pursuing higher education and actively involved in 4-H, FFA or Grange livestock activities. The awards are based on a combination of scholastic achievement, leadership potential, best demonstrated involvement in agricultural projects/activities, a sense of personal commitment to continuing their education and a reputation for doing good for others for the sake of being kind.

Sehnert received a \$1,500 Oscar Ledesma Memorial Scholarship. "I really appreciate everything that they do for our community, and being selected to represent the scholarship is an amazing feeling and I am so blessed," she said.

Sehnert will attend Mira Costa College for 2023-24. Future Farmers of America has an alumni year provision allowing FFA members to pursue their American FFA degree, and Sehnert will pursue that.

"It was one of the best fairs I've had," Sehnert said. "We were all so close and everybody had a good time."

Street lighting district assessment unchanged

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

The annual assessment for properties in Zone A of the San Diego County Street Lighting District will remain at \$2 per equivalent dwelling unit.

A 4-0 San Diego County Board of Supervisors vote May 24, with one vacant seat, approved the engineer's report, adopted a resolution of intention and set a June 28 hearing date for the

assessment. The supervisors voted 4-0 June 28 to confirm the assessments.

The San Diego County Street Lighting District was formed in September 1987 and includes the entirety of unincorporated San Diego County. Zone A covers parcels that benefit from street lights in the district while Zone B consists of the remainder of the district. The San Diego County Street Lighting District, which is managed by the

county's Department of Public Works, maintains 10,490 lights in residential areas and along major roadways; the county owns and maintains 6,802 of those while the other 3,688 are owned and maintained by San Diego Gas & Electric. Zone A covers more than 100,000 parcels and more than 135,000 benefit units.

In 1987, voters approved an assessment rate of up to \$25 per benefit unit, with a single-family home equating to one benefit unit.

The other maximum approved assessments are \$850 per acre for commercial property, \$150 per acre for institutional buildings, \$50 per acre for industrial land, \$25 per acre for recreational parcels and \$2.50 per acre for farmland.

The assessment was reduced from \$23 to \$2.50 per benefit unit in 1990 and stayed at \$2.50 until 2004 when rising energy costs and a state budget shift from special districts did not allow efficiency to offset the additional expenses. The assessment per benefit unit was increased to \$5.33 for Fiscal Year 2004-05, \$5.60 for 2005-06, \$5.88 for 2006-07, \$6.17 for 2007-08, and \$6.48 for 2008-09. Stabilized energy, labor and material costs allowed the assessment to remain unchanged at \$6.48 per equivalent dwelling unit from 2008 to 2015.

Increased energy prices and a phased retrofit of street lights from high-pressure sodium bulbs to light emitting diode illumination resulted in the increase to \$13.50 per benefit unit for 2016-17. The

conversion to LED bulbs began in 2017. The assessment was reduced to \$10 for 2020-21 due to the energy savings from the LED bulbs already installed. The retrofit was completed in 2020, and the energy cost savings allowed for an assessment decrease to \$7 per equivalent dwelling unit for 2021-22. The energy savings allowed for a decrease to \$2 per equivalent dwelling unit for 2022-23.

Retaining the \$2 amount will allow the operation and maintenance of streetlights to be funded for the 2023-24 fiscal year. The assessment amount will create total revenue of approximately \$275,988. The San Diego County Street Lighting District receives revenue from the base property tax and from interest on reserves as well as from the benefit assessment. The 2023-24 operating budget is \$2,480,670. The district will utilize \$756,729 of reserves for Fiscal Year 2023-24 but will retain more than \$4.6 million in its reserve fund.

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—Review of all things real estate Landscaping ideas can enhance your home's value



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Let's say that your home is in the perfect location, you've already updated the interiors to raise your property's value and painted your doors and interiors in popular, sought-after colors. What else can you do to squeeze out an even bigger payday once you decide to sell? It's time to turn your attention to landscaping.

But landscaping can be very expensive. Several years ago, when I investigated doing a backyard makeover, I interviewed a landscape engineer who came highly recommended. I gave him a retainer and in return he presented a plan and a layout.

I have since read that "A budget of at least 25% of your property's worth should be invested in your landscape in order to retain the value of your home." Wait, what?!

The landscape architect laughed when he gave me the estimate which shocked me and said he couldn't hire anyone to do his yard makeover either so, in return for the retainer, he gave me the plan and the layout. I subsequently contacted my real estate property handyman to see if he had these kinds of service providers in his rolodex (yes, I am old to reference a rolodex).

Before you go all-out with a yard redesign, let's focus on the changes and modifications that will increase your property's value.

Landscaping is essential to creating that crucial first impression; it enhances your curb appeal. Remember that you only have one chance to make a first impression. One author opined that "An artfully landscaped garden is the x-factor that significantly uplifts your property's value." My guess is that the author is in the landscaping design business because while I agree with the value of a favorable first impression, I might take umbrage with the adjective "significantly."

But yes, a manicured yard enhances the property's value. However, many potential buyers aren't going to want to put in too much effort to care for the garden or grounds, so low-maintenance features like irrigation systems can help boost your home's value.

By implementing water-efficient irrigation systems, using native plantings, and opting for organic fertilizers, you demonstrate a commitment to sustainability. This appeals to environmentally conscious buyers and adds an extra

layer of value.

Indoor-outdoor living is a desirable selling point of a property, even in four-season environs, so you'll want to build outdoor living space for day-to-day use. I strongly recommend though to not go overboard, keep it simple.

As you're designing for enjoyment now and Return On Investment (ROI) later, think of adaptable functional elements. Focus on features like a fire pit area or flexible space like a patio, deck, or outdoor dining area that's adaptable to many potential buyers versus very personalized features like a putting green, elaborate water feature, or built-in pizza oven (my daughter has a propane powered portable pizza oven that does a nice job but it's not permanent).

Pavers can add a nice contrast in color, various sizes and shapes to create attractive wandering paths and/or sitting areas. But don't make it too specific to your own tastes (chartreuse Tinker Bell stepping stones); it's best to keep it more generic. Perhaps best of all is that pavers can create great effect without breaking your budget.

I lucked into a large stack of 12 inch square pavers that my listing client was going to take to the dump. I borrowed my son-in-law's car hauler trailer and we scored enough pavers to create my 12 feet by 12 feet sitting area with portable firepit and had enough for my family to make a trailer parking area, all for the price of hauling the pavers away; win-win-win. If you need pavers, you might try social

media or perhaps Craig's List.

If you have a hilly property (very endemic to Fallbrook/Bonsall), go the extra effort to add retaining walls to create usable outdoor space. This happened at my house. They created a super attractive retaining wall of about 48" high after digging into the dirt bank; net effect was a larger useable backyard, artistic retaining wall and an "up top" planting area full of transplanted drought resistant color spots and garden herbs. Put in plants to attract pollinators which will help your garden and your blooming fruit trees thrive.

The last thought on landscaping

is stay up with the maintenance. This may sound obvious, but when you're ready to list your home, be sure all your landscaping is impeccably maintained. Remember, curb appeal is key to creating a favorable first impression.

It's all too easy to let landscaping get away from you as you prepare your home for sale. Proper landscape maintenance is essential. Well-maintained lawns, trimmed hedges, and weed-free gardens contribute to a polished and cared-for appearance; and that will help sell your home.

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Cal Fire secures 24 additional firefighting aircraft

SACRAMENTO – Cal Fire is bolstering its firefighting aircraft fleet across California for the second year in a row as a result of over \$72 million in funding provided by the administration of Governor Gavin Newsom. The investment has allowed Cal Fire to secure 24 additional firefighting aircraft (19 helicopters and five airplanes for a contractual period

of 90-120 days) to enhance their statewide response efforts against wildfires in California. The additional fixed-wing aircraft include three large air tankers specifically designed to carry up to 4,000 gallons of retardant. These aircraft have been strategically located in communities across California and will be pre-positioned to meet

the needs of potential fire activity throughout the state. "The deployment of more aircraft dedicated to the people of California marks a historic milestone, with the highest number of firefighting aircraft ever available for initial attack in the state for the second consecutive year," stated Director and Fire Chief Joe Tyler. Chief Tyler further explained that "the significant rainfall California experienced this winter has led to a substantial increase of highly flammable fuels, which contribute to the rapid escalation of fires." Last week alone, Cal Fire responded to over 300 wildfires as temperatures

continued to increase across the state. Aircraft are initially prepositioned in the following counties: Butte, Tuolumne, San Diego, Tulare, Humboldt, Mariposa, Nevada, Siskiyou, Sacramento, Fresno, Shasta, San Luis Obispo, Napa, Placer, Lassen, Riverside and Sonoma County. Established in 1970, Cal Fire's aviation program has grown to over 60 fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft, making it the largest civil aerial firefighting fleet worldwide. This renowned aviation program responds to thousands of wildfires dropping water and fire retardant in California each year.

In light of these efforts, Cal Fire urges the public to refrain from operating drones over areas with fire activity. It is important to note that flying drones in these areas is strictly prohibited by law. Drone operation hampers aerial firefighting capabilities and poses significant risks to lives, property and natural resources. Cal Fire remains dedicated to the protection of California's communities and natural landscapes, and these additional firefighting aircraft represent a significant step towards enhancing the state's wildfire response capabilities. Submitted by Cal Fire.



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Rainbow MWD approves SDG&E easement use agreement for Bonsall Oaks

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

A Rainbow Municipal Water District easement for the planned

Bonsall Oaks development will be shared with San Diego Gas & Electric, although a joint use agreement rather than a formal shared easement will likely be

the solution. A 5-0 Rainbow board vote June 27 authorized Rainbow general manager Tom Kennedy and the district's general counsel to continue to negotiate with SDG&E and with Bonsall Oaks, LLC, on the joint use agreement with SDG&E. Both Rainbow and SDG&E will have mutual access rights and no encumbrances. "That's a standard joint use agreement," Kennedy said.

Bonsall Oaks will be constructed in phases. Phase 1 consists of a winery, a tasting room and a bed and breakfast off of Oak Bridge Drive. The tasting room and bed and breakfast will be across Gopher Canyon Road from the entrance to the Vista Valley Country Club. Phase 2 will include 59 residential lots, Phase 3 will provide 57 residential lots, Phase 4 will build 41 residential lots and Phase 5 will construct seven custom homes.

Rainbow prefers to have water and sewer facilities within public right-of-way, and Rainbow has been granted easement rights on a private street. Because Rainbow owns prior rights to the easement, no other utility can be constructed within the roadway without the district's permission.

San Diego Gas & Electric has asked for access to a portion of Rainbow's easement to allow for the construction, operation and maintenance of SDG&E electrical and communication facilities in, over, under and across the Rainbow easement area. Rainbow, SDG&E and Bonsall Oaks, LLC, addressed the logistics of a shared easement, and all parties agreed that a joint use agreement would be more suitable.

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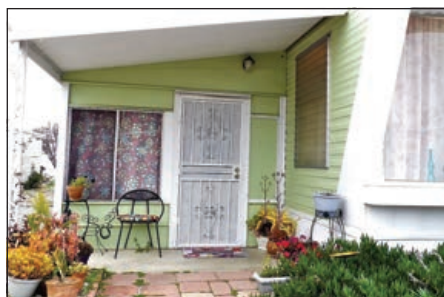
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Aerial larvicide drops to happen July 19

SAN DIEGO COUNTY – San Diego County is scheduled to conduct its next routine aerial larvicide drop of the year July 19 and 20 on up to 51 local waterways, including Lake Rancho Viejo, to help stop mosquitoes from potentially spreading diseases like West Nile virus.

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

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

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

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

Submitted by the County of San Diego.

Pros and cons of reverse mortgages

Village News Staff

Reverse mortgages have gained popularity as a financial tool for senior homeowners looking to access their home equity. While these loans offer several advantages, they also come with certain drawbacks. This article aims to provide an objective analysis of the pros and cons of reverse mortgages to help individuals make informed decisions.

Pros of reverse mortgages:

Supplement retirement income: One of the significant benefits of reverse mortgages is that they can provide additional income during retirement. These loans allow homeowners aged 62 and above to convert a portion of their home equity into tax-free cash, which can be received as a lump sum, a line of credit, fixed monthly payments, or a combination of these options.

No monthly mortgage payments: With a reverse mortgage, borrowers are not required to make monthly mortgage payments as long as they continue to live in the home, pay property taxes, insurance, and maintain the property. This can provide financial relief for retirees

on fixed incomes.

Flexibility in loan distribution: Reverse mortgages offer flexibility in how borrowers receive their funds. Homeowners can choose the payment plan that suits their needs, whether it is a lump sum to cover immediate expenses or a line of credit for future use. The availability of different options allows borrowers to customize their loan to meet their unique financial goals.

Ownership and residence: Contrary to popular misconception, reverse mortgage borrowers retain ownership and can live in their homes as long as they fulfill their obligations under the loan agreement. This provides peace of mind and security, allowing seniors to age in place.

Cons of reverse mortgages:

Accumulating interest and fees: One notable drawback of reverse mortgages is the accumulation of interest and fees over time. Since borrowers are not required to make monthly mortgage payments, the interest and fees associated with the loan gradually increase the outstanding balance. As a result, the overall debt can grow substantially, potentially impacting the equity remaining in the home.

Former Fallbrook resident Anna Mullen said, "I had a reverse mortgage until a conventional mortgage took over and it was financially better for me to own the house again. Insurance fees were adding too much debt to my equity."

Impact on heirs' inheritance: Reverse mortgages can deplete the equity in a home, which may reduce the inheritance that heirs would otherwise receive. If the loan balance exceeds the home's value upon the borrower's passing, the heirs may need to sell the property to settle the debt. However, the non-recourse feature of reverse mortgages ensures that heirs will not be held liable for any remaining balance beyond the home's value.

Potential risk of foreclosure: If a reverse mortgage borrower fails to meet their obligations, such as paying property taxes or maintaining homeowner's insurance, the lender may initiate foreclosure proceedings. It is crucial for borrowers to understand and fulfill their responsibilities to avoid the risk of losing their homes.

The homeowner may need to continuously live in the home if it is part of the agreement. If the



homeowner needs to live in a care facility or with family or friends for an extended period of time, it may violate the reverse mortgage agreement, risking foreclosure.

High upfront costs: Reverse mortgages generally entail higher upfront costs compared to traditional mortgages. These costs include origination fees, closing costs, mortgage insurance premiums, and appraisal fees. It is essential for potential borrowers to carefully consider these expenses when evaluating the feasibility of a reverse mortgage.

Conclusion: Reverse mortgages can be a viable option for senior homeowners seeking additional income and financial flexibility during retirement. However, it is important to weigh the pros and cons carefully, considering individual circumstances and long-term goals. Seeking advice from financial advisors, counselors, and family members can help in making an informed decision about whether a reverse mortgage is the right choice for a particular situation.

Vector control assessment increased

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

The county's vector control assessment will be increased from \$8.37 to \$9.10 per benefit unit.

The San Diego County Board of Supervisors, who serve as the board of the county's Vector Control District, voted 4-0 June 28 with one vacant seat to raise the assessment. The supervisors' action also approved the engineer's report. The assessment is in addition to a service charge which remains at \$3 for the coastal region and \$2.28 for the suburban and rural regions. Both the vector control benefit assessment and the service charge are placed on the landowner's property tax bill.

The Vector Control Program is administered by the county's Department of Environmental Health and Quality. The program's primary goal is to prevent vectors from reaching public nuisance or disease thresholds by managing vector habitat and preserving habitat values for vector predators and other beneficial species.

The California Health and Safety Code defines a vector as any animal capable of transmitting an agent of human disease or producing human discomfort or injury. Vectors include mosquitoes, flies, feral bees, wasps, gnats, mites, ants, ticks, cockroaches, scorpions, venomous spiders, rattlesnakes, rodents, bats and other small insects and vertebrates. Gophers, which can damage yards but do not directly threaten human health or comfort, are not considered vectors.

The Vector Control Program identifies vector species, recommends techniques for their prevention and control, and

anticipates and minimizes any new interaction between vectors and humans. The Vector Control Program's functions include early detection of public health threats through comprehensive surveillance, protection of public health by controlling vectors or exposure to vectors, and timely responses to customer service complaints or other requests.

The service charge was adopted in 1989 and was originally \$3.80 per property. In 1995, that assessment was reduced to its current rate while the three regions were established to address differing service levels. In 2003, the county adopted its West Nile Virus Strategic Response Plan, which won awards from both health and government organizations but reduced the level of effort against other vectors and depleted the Vector Control Program reserves. Hantavirus and plague monitoring were reduced by 75%, and in 2004, the county's first hantavirus case was discovered in Campo.

Rather than seeking additional funding only to restore the previous levels of activity, a larger assessment for an enhanced program was proposed and subsequently approved by the county's landowning voters in 2005. The voters approved a maximum rate of \$8.55 per single-family equivalent with allowable annual increases based on the San Diego Area Consumer Price Index but no more than 5% per year (for 2023-24 the maximum authorized assessment is \$13.44 per single-family equivalent). The \$8.55 additional assessment raised \$9.5 million for the program including \$2.3 million in one-time costs.

The assessment covers all properties in San Diego County, including those in the county's

18 incorporated cities and those owned by government agencies. A single-family home is assessed the base rate, agricultural property with a house is assessed the base rate plus nine cents per acre and agricultural property without a house is assessed the base rate per 100 acres.

Factors which determine the annual rate include expenditure needs, rollover revenue (money not used in the previous year due to cost savings) and trust fund income. The rate was reduced to \$6.36 for 2006-07 and to \$5.92 for the following three years.

A decrease in rollover revenue and lower interest rates which reduced trust fund income forced an increase to \$6.20 in 2010-11, but a reduction in seasonal staff due to favorable climate conditions allowed the rate to be lowered to \$5.86 for 2011-12. That \$5.86 rate was retained for four years, and the development of efficiency processes along with the completion of specific phases of programs allowed for a reduction to \$5 for 2015-16 and 2016-17.

The Aedes mosquito transmits the Zika, dengue and chikungunya viruses. The first Aedes mosquito detected in San Diego County was found in October 2014, and by 2016, Aedes mosquitoes were detected in 35 of the county's ZIP codes (during 2022 the Aedes mosquito was detected in 64 ZIP codes, an increase from 61 ZIP codes during 2021).

The vector control assessment was increased to \$7.07 for 2017-18, and the increase to \$7.93 for 2018-19 allowed for an additional staff position. The increase to \$8.37 for 2019-20 allowed for two additional staff positions, although over the next two years retirements led to vacancies and this year's

assessment increase is the first change in the assessment since 2019. The 2023-24 assessment is approximately an 8.7% increase from the previous amount.

More than 500 cases of suspected Aedes-transmitted illnesses were referred to the Vector Control Program for investigation of vector presence from 2016 to 2022. In 2022, the laboratory tested 48 dead birds and 1,935 mosquito batches for the presence of West Nile Virus, although none of those were positive.

During Calendar Year 2022, the Vector Control Program responded to approximately 3,600 vector-related complaints and requests for service. More than 1,600 known mosquito breeding sites were monitored and controlled.

Members of the public may also request educational presentations on vector-related topics, which can be provided both in person and remotely in English and other requested languages.

The Vector Control Program also hosts educational outreach booths at fairs and other events and makes presentations to community groups, homeowners' associations, schools, agencies, organizations and other groups who request them. Educational materials are provided whenever possible including during routine inspection and complaint responses.

The educational materials are provided both in person and mailed as physical handouts, and they are also available on-line. The Vector Control Program sponsors a biennial "Fight the Bite" media campaign, which targets underserved communities and informs residents how to prevent mosquitoes from breeding at home and how to contact the Vector Control Program for services and

more information.

The \$13.5 million budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24 consists of \$9.3 million for permanent and seasonal staff salaries and benefits, \$3.2 million for services and supplies including larvicide, aerial applications and outreach materials, \$0.6 million for transportation and equipment costs including maintenance and fuel and \$0.4 million for overhead and other incidental costs. The 2022-23 budget of \$12.3 million allowed \$8 million for salaries and benefits, \$3.3 million for services and supplies, \$0.6 million for transportation and equipment and \$0.4 million for overhead and incidentals.

The benefit assessment will provide \$8.6 million of revenue with the service charge accounting for an additional \$2.5 million. An available trust fund balance of \$2.3 million will be transferred to the 2023-24 budget, and interest income or contracts to perform work for other departments and districts will fund the other \$0.1 million. The 2022-23 revenue consisted of \$7.8 million from the benefit assessment, \$2.5 million from the service charge, \$1.9 million from the trust fund balance and \$0.1 million from interest income and contracts.

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Dominick's Deli celebrates 40 years of family business



The Grossi's, father and son, take photos behind the counter, nearly 40 years apart. Dominick Jr. and Dominick Sr. are in the first photo and Grossi, Dominick III and Dominic Jr. in the second.

Family photo wall in the main dining room, featuring Dominick Sr., Dominick Jr., and Mrs. Grossi.

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A sign lists each Dominick's favorite sub with retro prices for the 40th anniversary on July 6.

Avalon Hester Village News Intern

Dominick's Delicatessen celebrated their 40th anniversary Thursday with retro prices, community and two generations behind the counter. The beloved deli came into Fallbrook in 1883 after historic El Niño winds blew them out of Santa Cruz and into Pepper Tree Village on South Mission. Ever since, Dominick's has been a Fallbrook institution, serving up delicious sandwiches, salads and home cooked dinners – all made with traditional Italian recipes.

The sandwich shop has been family owned and operated for three generations – spanning from Dominick Grossi Sr., to Dominick Grossi III. Dominick Jr. remembers opening the deli with his parents, "When we first opened in Santa Cruz, a sandwich cost \$1.75." Now a full size sub runs around \$12.60, filled with everything from meatballs to Cotto Salame and avocado, each with lettuce, tomato, mayo, onion, pickles and pepperoncinis.

Almost everything at Dominick's is made in house, and most of the recipes were passed down from Dominick Jr.'s mother and grandmother. "My mother would go to the grocery store and buy 26 tiny cans of Contadina tomato paste for the meatballs, she wouldn't use the larger cans." Their menu has remained largely

the same throughout the years, and being partners with family has its ups and downs, "If you've ever seen the TV show "The Bear," you know, especially in an Italian family."

However, 40 years later, the memories of three generations make it all worthwhile. Dominick Jr. and Dominick III looked back on the years together.

Dominick Jr. recalled the little things, "My wife used to own a gift shop next door and the kids would go between the back entrances, asking me for cheesy bread and garlic bread, those were good memories."

Dominick III, who began working behind the counter when he was 16, taking over the business when his father retired last year, remembered what it was like to operate the business at the beginning of the pandemic. "We had the chairs stacked, and we started selling flour, eggs, and milk."

They both recalled Dominick Sr., who retired in 1996 and came in for a sandwich almost everyday after golfing, stopping by to hang out with customers until he passed.

What's meant the most to the Grossi family is the relationship they have with the community of Fallbrook. For decades, local highschoolers have looked forward to getting their first job at Dominick's. "You get to be a good boss," said Dominick Jr. "I just hired a young man whose mother

got her first job here when she was in highschool, and now it's his first job too."

There are 4 teachers currently at the highschool that put themselves through college at Dominick's and their manager, Dana Fields, has worked there for 35 years. Fallbrook local Lindsay Promack, celebrating the 40th anniversary by trying Dominick Jr.'s favorite sandwich, the #2 with coppocola, mortadella and provolone, spoke about the role the deli has played in her life.

"I grew up in Fallbrook and Dominick's was one of the things I missed most when I went to college. Now my kids are hooked too." Her three children responded with a double thumbs up. "They treat their customers like family. It's good people, good food and good prices."

For Dominick III, who worked for a few years as a biology teacher before returning to the family business, being an independently run local business has been a privilege. "It's about doing it for yourself and continuing the legacy." When his dad offered him the business upon retiring, there was no question, "You don't kill the golden goose."

The 40th anniversary is just another milestone in what the Grossi house will be an even longer legacy. "We'll keep making sandwiches if people keep eating them," said Dominick III. "Here's to 40 more."



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Paul Calabro, right, also known as Master Paul Calabro, is the owner and instructor of the "Z-Ultimate Self Defense Studios" located at 833 South Main Ave. He has been teaching Martial Arts for over 17 years. Student Mike Daily, left, is learning karate skills along with two children.

Village News/David Landry photo

Rainbow MWD adopts 2023-24 budget

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

The Rainbow Municipal Water District adopted its 2023-24 budget during the June 27 Rainbow board meeting.

The 5-0 vote approved a \$55,020,813 operating budget and a \$14,225,000 capital budget. The Fiscal Year 2022-23 operating budget was \$54,506,344.

"We've held our internal expenses to well under the rate of inflation," said Rainbow general manager Tom Kennedy.

The budget is based on water sales of 12,700 acre-feet. The anticipated water revenue of \$44,950,230 would allow some money to be added to the district's reserves if that and the budgeted expenditures of \$41,901,026 don't have significant deviations.

Approximately 46% of the water expenditures will be for water purchases with capital projects accounting for 18%, salaries

and benefits comprising 14%, maintenance and supply being approximately 12% of the total and debt service utilizing 6%.

The wastewater operating fund budget calls for \$4,788,000 of revenues and \$4,155,334 of expenses. The general operating fund budget has both revenues and expenditures of \$8,964,453.

The 2023-24 water capital budget is \$9,225,000. The expenditures for the new Hutton, Turner and Dentre De Lomas pump stations include \$6,000,000 for Fiscal Year 2023-24 with another \$4,000,000 planned for 2024-25. The final \$1,500,000 for the Rice Canyon Pipeline project, which will construct an 18-inch water main from the Rice Canyon Tank to the Citro development, is planned to be spent during 2023-24.

The 2023-24 capital budget includes \$600,000 for the evaluation of groundwater recharge return flow from the Lower San

Luis Rey Valley Groundwater Basin. The district plans to spend \$375,000 for the solar panels and battery backup system, which will be placed on the Sumac Reservoir. Relocating the water mains for the new Live Oak Park Bridge has a \$200,000 budgeted amount for 2023-24.

The budgeted capital expenditures also include \$130,000 for electrical panel switches, \$100,000 to develop and implement a corrosion prevention program, \$50,000 to rehabilitate the pipeline between Gird Road and West Lilac Road, \$25,000 to relocate the Camino Del Rey water line, \$25,000 for a water system monitoring program and \$20,000 for the planned new district headquarters.

The new Thoroughbred Lane Lift Station and associated infrastructure is the only project in the \$5,000,000 wastewater capital budget.

SDG&E adds two more energy storage facilities to strengthen grid reliability

SAN DIEGO – As part of its commitment to help bolster summer grid reliability and advance California's 100% clean energy goal, San Diego Gas & Electric has completed two additional utility-owned energy storage facilities totaling 171 megawatts (MW), which is enough to power almost 130,000 homes for four hours.

The 131MW Westside Canal project located in Imperial Valley – home to a high concentration of solar, wind and geothermal generation facilities – is the largest storage asset in SDG&E's utility-owned energy storage portfolio; the 40MW Fallbrook project, located in Northern San Diego County, is the second largest in its portfolio.

SDG&E's energy storage portfolio is expected to reach 345MW of power capacity by the end of the year, sufficient to meet over 15% of its customers' load on a typical day and 7% on a system peak day. These energy storage assets participate in the energy markets managed by the California Independent System Operator, allowing CAISO to store and dispatch clean energy from the facilities to meet electricity demand as needed.

"The beauty of energy storage is it can help California solve two problems simultaneously. It can soak up surplus renewable energy during the day, so solar and wind farms don't have to cut off production when demand on the grid is low," said SDG&E's Vice President of Energy Innovation Miguel Romero. "By extending the availability of clean energy to peak evening hours, energy storage can also help California achieve its clean energy goals by reducing reliance on conventional power plants to meet peak electricity demand."

In recent years, as wind and solar generation capacity has soared in California, renewable generation facilities have had to increasingly curtail, or scale back, energy production to keep the grid balanced. At times, California has had to pay neighboring states to take its oversupply of solar energy in order to avoid overloading the grid.

California has also experienced repeated grid emergencies during record heat waves, which pushed the grid to the brink due to energy

demand exceeding supply.

"With our state experiencing more frequent climate extremes such as record heat waves and droughts, it is essential to invest in innovations like energy storage to make sure we can continue to power the world's fourth largest economy reliably," said CAISO President and CEO Elliot Mainzer. "The rapid growth of energy storage in California in recent years gives me optimism about our state's future and its capacity to respond to climate change."

Westside Canal consists of more than 800 cubes of stacked lithium-ion batteries which stretch across roughly 16 acres of land. It began commercial operation in June.

Like Westside Canal, the Fallbrook energy storage project is also made up of stacks of lithium-ion batteries tightly packed inside metal cubes. The Fallbrook project began commercial operation in May.

Both facilities are equipped with safety features, remote monitoring and automation technologies. When smoke or other anomalies are detected, the units will automatically shut down.

The completion of these projects follows two other utility-owned storage projects SDG&E has brought online in recent years. The company finished the Top Gun Energy Storage Facility (30MW) in the Miramar area of San Diego in 2021 and the Kearny Energy Storage Facility (20MW) in the Kearny Mesa area of San Diego in 2022.

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Submitted by San Diego Gas & Electric.

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EDUCATION

Smuts is new Bonsall High School principal



Dan Smuts

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Dan Smuts is the new principal at Bonsall High School.

Smuts will be the fifth principal of the school which opened in 2014. Bonsall had two principals during 2022-23; Susan Ford was the interim principal after Jason Fowler, who had been the principal since 2018, left the Bonsall district

for Imagine School, a K-8 charter school in Coachella.

"I'm really excited to take on this position," Smuts said.

Smuts is a Rancho Penasquitos native who attended Mount Carmel High School. He then attended Concordia University in Irvine, which was previously called Christ College Irvine. He began his teaching career at St. Paul Lutheran School in Orange before becoming a biology teacher at Hidden Valley Middle School in Escondido.

He also taught at Mission Hills High School before transitioning into administration. Smuts was an assistant principal at Rancho Buena Vista High School and then the principal at Woodland Park Middle School in San Marcos.

Smuts was also a Mission Hills High School boys soccer coach and coached with the FC Heat club program which is based in

Escondido.

Bonsall Unified School District Superintendent Joseph Clevenger was the Rancho Buena Vista High School principal from 2018 to 2021. Smuts sought the Bonsall High School principal position after Ford completed the 2022-23 academic year.

"It seemed like all the right stuff in all the right places," Smuts said.

Smuts currently lives in Valley Center but previously lived in the Lake Rancho Viejo area, which is in the Bonsall Unified School District. "It's exciting to come back to the community. It's a tight, small community, and that's what drove me to the position," he said.

Bonsall High School and Sullivan Middle School are on the same campus. Sullivan principal Tim Heck was also the first Bonsall High School principal when the high school opened in August 2014. In August

2013, Janet Whiddon transitioned from the Sullivan Middle School principal to the district's director of curriculum, and Heck was hired as both the Sullivan principal and the original principal of Bonsall High School.

Heck was involved in the planning of the new high school, and during that time the district chose to implement the New Technology Network model in which students interact with local industry and serve internships and which emphasizes interdisciplinary study. Heck remained as the Bonsall High School principal for the first 6 1/2 months of the school's first actual year in operation before Lee Fleming took over in March 2015.

Fleming had been the New Technology Network director of new school development prior to accepting the position as the Bonsall High School principal,

and she was originally hired by the New Technology Network as a senior school development coach in 2006. In 2018, Fleming accepted an offer to become the head of school, which is the equivalent of a principal, at Samueli Academy in Santa Ana. Fowler, who had previously been the principal at Nuview Bridge Academy in Nuevo, replaced Fleming.

"Bonsall High School represents an amazing small school," Smuts said. "I'm really intrigued by Bonsall High School growing."

At the beginning of the 2022-23 school year Bonsall High School had 318 students. "I'm looking forward to getting to know the students," Smuts said.

"I'm excited to be at the high school level," Smuts said. "I'm excited to serve the community of Bonsall and the Bonsall Unified School District."

FUESD Superintendent Hazel completes first week



FUESD Superintendent Monika Hazel talks to students at Live Oak Elementary School during Super Summer Camp. Village News/Courtesy photo

FALLBROOK – Fallbrook Union Elementary School District is report a positive and impactful first week for FUESD Superintendent Monika Hazel. Hazel hit the ground running, getting to know the staff and setting the stage for a terrific upcoming school year.

In her address to the district's faculty and staff, Hazel expressed her eagerness to work diligently to enhance the lives of every student in Fallbrook. She outlined her vision for the upcoming school year, emphasizing the importance of providing a nurturing, dynamic,

and academically rigorous environment that inspires a lifelong love for learning.

During the district's Super Summer Camp, Hazel took the opportunity to visit various schools and meet with the students and school site staff. Hazel said she was excited to get in the classroom and engage with FUESD students.

Reflecting on her eventful first week, Hazel expressed her enthusiasm, saying, "I am grateful for the warm welcome I have received from the FUESD team and community of Fallbrook. It has been truly energizing to see

the dedication and passion of our educators and staff. Together, we will work tirelessly to create a supportive and empowering environment that nurtures the unique talents and abilities of every student, setting them on a path of academic achievement and success."

With the new school year quickly approaching, Hazel and her team are determined to pave the way for a year of growth, achievement, and endless possibilities for each and every student.

Submitted by Fallbrook Union Elementary School District.

BUSD approves collaboration MOU with Pala Tribe

Joe Naiman
Village News Reporter

The Bonsall Unified School District and the Pala Band of Mission Indians will be working with each other to enhance the school district's ability to provide educational accomplishments for Pala Tribe members.

The BUSD board voted 5-0 June 21 to approve a memorandum of understanding with the Pala Tribe that outlines shared, district and Tribal responsibilities.

"Any time we can partner with a local organization to increase services and opportunities for students, we pursue those," said BUSD superintendent Joseph Clevenger.

"I really am happy about this situation," said Pala Tribal Council member and BUSD board member Eric Ortega.

The MOU will facilitate the communication of information necessary to improve student achievement and connection to school. "This will basically put a direct communication to schools and open up lines of communication," Clevenger said.

Clevenger explained that the state and the Federal government provide information, which allows the school district to optimize support of demographic groups but that Indian reservations do not automatically provide that information.

"The tribe wants to help out," Ortega said.

"It took us a while to figure out how to actually do it," Ortega said. "Now we can actually direct those resources more precisely."

The school district already operates Vivian Banks Charter School on the Pala Indian Reservation, and the Tribe has previously provided financial support to the school district. The school district and the Pala Tribe have collaborated for cultural education sessions.

"This is going to increase all that, so it's pretty cool," Ortega said.

"We're super grateful for continued support and collaboration with the goal of doing great things for kids," Clevenger said.

"We have a great partner," Clevenger said. "They continue to provide incredible support."

The objectives of the communication collaboration

include increasing student attendance and graduation rates, decreasing dropout and truancy rates, and providing learning resources to enhance students' understanding of Tribal values and culture.

"This is a very uncommon practice," Clevenger said. "This was a really unique innovative opportunity for the kids."

The shared responsibilities in addition to working cooperatively to ensure appropriate and efficient communication in support of the MOU include attending meetings and related functions related to accomplishing the objectives of the MOU. This includes, but isn't limited to, the Indian Education Meeting between the parties to ensure that Tribal children in the school district receive the appropriate level of educational attention and support.

Other responsibilities include sharing information about students' attendance and their successes and challenges with the intent of improving programs and increasing graduation rates, continuing outreach and coordinating services at BUSD schools through the education specialists provided by the Tribe and the school district, and coordinating efforts to help Tribal families navigate appropriate personnel, policies and procedures, and program opportunities.

Student records the school district shares with Pala will be limited to directory information under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, and Pala agrees to safeguard and protect that information.

The school district's responsibilities include inviting Tribal staff to attend district trainings pertaining to attendance, truancy, at-risk students and need of extra services. The district on a monthly basis will assess and share student attendance information with the Tribe to determine the extent to which Tribal students are participating on an equal basis with other students in BUSD classes, programs and activities; those disclosures will be limited to "directory information," which is information contained in a student record that would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed.

The school district will identify and appoint district personnel committed to working with Tribal

Education staff to monitor and report on Tribal school attendance. The district will refer Native American students and families to the district's and the Tribe's education staff when students are identified as at-risk, truant or in need of extra services.

The district will also make its best efforts to reduce Tribal student truancy and consider whether educational services require modification for Native American students to ensure equal access and participation. The

district will participate in joint training sessions involving Tribal and district staff.

The Tribe's responsibilities also include participation in joint training between Tribal and district staff on educational assistance to students and families. The Tribe will notify all eligible families about educational services provided by the Tribe and will collaborate with BUSD staff, parents and students to encourage increased student attendance and meaningful participation in school.

The Tribe will also provide training and technical assistance regarding the Tribe's educational programs to district staff if necessary. The Tribe will not disclose directory information received from the district to any other party without the prior consent of the parent or eligible student.

Ortega added that specifics will be altered as situations arise. "We're going to have to tweak it as it moves along," he said.

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Metal man creates a world of whimsy

Tim O'Leary
Special to the Village News

We storytellers are a nosy sort. We love to poke our noses, and our notebooks, where they do or don't belong. Come along now, dear readers, as I share my most recent discovery. One cannot spin a story until they have seen, heard or lived one.

This discovery cost me \$300, but I made a new friend, I learned a lot and I snared three new treasures for my eclectic art collection.

This may shock some longtime Smallbrook residents who think they have seen every corner of our little piece of paradise. There is a world of whimsy, as well as a fun and articulate tour guide, that awaits you at 530 Minnesota St.

After driving past the place many times on my vehicular meanderings – I have nicknamed my minivan "Horse" – I recently pulled in and parked. I climbed out and was admiring the array of amazing metal art when a pair of eyes peered at me over the top of a tall wooden fence.

I immediately learned that it is the homeowner's habit to peek over his fence when he hears vehicles park in front of his house. Too many visitors, it seems, have monkeyed around, some with monkey wrenches, near his childlike creations.

And thus I met Ronnie Thiel, a journeyman metal worker and welder who turns scraps of steel, iron, aluminum and other materials into imaginative pieces large and small. As a lover of art, I was captivated. As a lover of people, I was absolutely enchanted.

I am a recovering amateur artist. I have painted several mediocre pieces. I love creating art, not so much for the finished product but for the act of disappearing into a project and losing myself in the process.

But first, as must every ham-handed hack, I should set the scene for you.

The first impression you get comes from the color of Ronnie's house: pink! Next is the tall chimney which consists of rectangular concrete blocks painted in a checkerboard fashion of every imaginable hue.

There are reds and blues, greens, yellows, oranges, browns, pinks, purples, salmons and so on. There is also a huge wall that is painted the same way. The visitor's eyes are next captivated by a large, replica WWII fighter-bomber complete with markings, a bomb mount and a propeller.

Ronny painstakingly created the piece to honor uncles who never returned from the Vietnam War.

From there, the guest's gaze shifts to all sorts of figures, faces, flowers, creatures, robots and masks – many of them swaying like magic in the soft breeze that slips over the hilltop home that

Ronnie shares with his wife, children and grandchildren.

I could not resist the urge to buy. I eventually wrote him a check for a metal goat, a buzzard and a grimacing face fashioned out of a shovel, an oil can, various metal bits and a pair of oversize marbles for the eyes.

I did so after he gave me a tour of his scrapyard, his workshop, chicken coop, backyard and goat pen. He calculates that he has amassed about 200 finished pieces scattered about his place that he has priced from \$25 to \$800.

"I just love it. It makes me happy," Ronnie said of the joy of creating. "I'm kind of different. I just keep on doing art. It'll last forever. It'll outlive me."

It turns out that the metal shop class captured Ronnie's attention in high school, where he also learned basic welding. From there, he branched out into high-tech, sophisticated stuff that he parlayed into a 16-year stint building ships for the Navy SEALs and other naval operations.

He is 61 and has lived in Fallbrook for the past 14 years. His early years took him to Oklahoma, where he first dabbled in the metal arts. Imperial Beach was his home for years, close to his National City employer and other welding gigs. Pieces of his Back Yard Metal Art assemblage grace properties around the planet, he said.

But the last few years have been a bit ragged, he said. His left rotator cuff wore out and that repetitive-stress injury required two surgeries and sent him spinning onto disability.

Welding is one of those blue collar trades that pay well, but is hard on the muscles, joints, backs, necks and lungs. I once worked in a shipyard in Orange, Texas. I was a mere laborer when I watched with awe as the welders twisted themselves into pretzels as they breathed toxic fumes bonding metal to metal.

Ronnie has rebounded of late, and he will soon start looking for full- or part-time welding work. But the commute and the high cost of gas will likely result in him seeking work close to home.

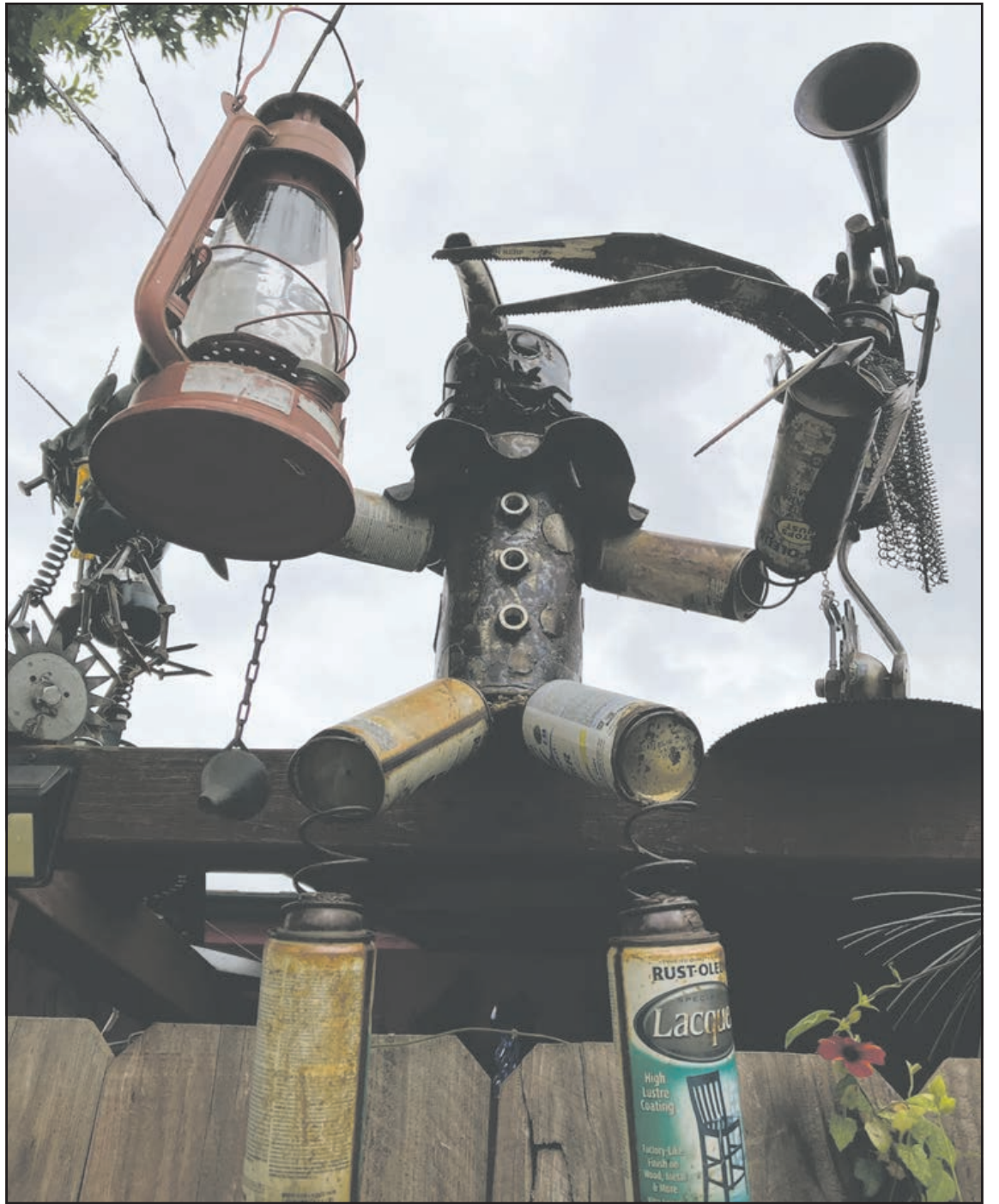
And, of course, he will continue to craft his art. He hopes to someday be able to afford a website, which would give him a wider showcase for his creations.

"My passion is welding – putting down a good weld," he said. "I put a lot of pride into my work."

Amen, brother. The world would be a better place if everyone did.

So swing by folks when you get a minute. Don't feel sheepish. Many people stop by to snap pictures and chat, Ronnie said.

"There's a lot of ugliness in the world," he mused. "I love that people come by and enjoy what they see. This is where I free my mind ..."



Ronnie Thiel's pieces are made from metal scraps, springs, spray cans, shovels, marbles and other materials. Village News/Tim O'Leary photos



Ronnie Thiel shows off his scrapyard. Behind him is his colorful, checkered chimney.



Ronnie Thiel stands in his shop where he turns metal scraps into art.



Metal work is on display on artist Ronnie Thiel's fence.



A U.S. Marines WWII fighter-bomber replica stands parallel with the chimney.

LAFCO
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member Andy Vanderlaan, Escondido mayor Dane White, and Alpine Fire Protection District board member Barry Willis voted to approve the reorganization.

County Supervisor Joel Anderson, Solana Beach City Council member Kristi Becker, and San Diego City Council member Stephen Whitburn voted against the detachment. The reorganization is contingent upon ratification by FPUD and Rainbow voters.

"We're just happy it turned out in our favor. It's really important in the community," said FPUD General Manager Jack Bebee.

The San Diego County Water Authority's supply rate is a melded rate which melds the cost of water delivered from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, water purchased from the Imperial Irrigation District under the Quantification Settlement Agreement, and water produced by the Claude "Bud" Lewis Carlsbad Desalination Plant in Carlsbad.

The SDCWA also has transportation, storage, and customer service charges along with fees and charges for fixed expenditures which are incurred even when water use is reduced. FPUD and Rainbow believe they can reduce their cost of purchasing water – and thus their rates – by detaching from the CWA and becoming part of another MWD member agency. The Eastern Municipal Water District is a member of MWD and purchases imported water directly from MWD.

"This is a clear problem which needs to be changed," Willis said.

FPUD and Rainbow filed LAFCO applications in 2020 after beginning discussions about the reorganization in 2019. Each county in California has a LAFCO which handles jurisdictional boundary changes including incorporations, annexations, consolidations, and detachments within that county. Eastern is in Riverside County but, in October 2019, San Diego County's LAFCO approved a memorandum of understanding with Riverside County LAFCO which delegated the potential reorganization entirely to San Diego LAFCO.

Under state legislation regulating LAFCO agencies a LAFCO board has the option of requiring a public vote on a reorganization, and a protest vote may also take place if petitions

signed by at least 25% of an affected agency's ratepayers or registered voters are received by LAFCO (if the petition includes a majority of the electorate the reorganization is denied without a vote).

The County Water Authority Act requires a majority vote of the electorate of an agency which detaches from the CWA. The May 2020 LAFCO meeting included a stipulation for a public vote, and the motion also created a technical advisory committee. Michael Hanemann was selected as the consultant for the committee. Hanemann began identifying water supply reliability, water rate impacts, and potential departure payments.

Hanemann concluded that the annual savings based on 2022 data – he was reluctant to address future years due to continued declines in CWA usage – would be \$4.8 million for Rainbow and \$2.9 million for FPUD. That would equate to savings of 35% for FPUD and 21% for Rainbow. The CWA would lose \$12.6 million of annual revenue from the detachments, which would be a loss of about 2%.

Reduced water sales result in rates being raised to cover fixed costs. LAFCO staff recommended exit fee payments for five years and a total exit fee of \$24,305,000, which would equate to \$4,861,000 annually.

Rainbow would pay 65% while FPUD would pay 35%. The average monthly savings for FPUD and Rainbow households from detachment would be \$23.50. The average cost per SDCWA household would be \$2.20 per month, and the exit fee amount proposed by LAFCO staff would cover that cost for the next five years.

"It's a reasonable exit fee. It's not prohibitive," Desmond said.

The savings from detachment would be greater for FPUD and Rainbow agricultural users. "I feel for the farmers and what they're going through," Willis said. "We have a shot to make a big difference in our agriculture industry."

The LAFCO board held a June 5 hearing on the reorganization. LAFCO staff presented five options, including approving detachment (conditional upon approval by FPUD and Rainbow voters) with an exit fee. The recommendation did not provide a specific number for the exit fee amount. A 5-3 LAFCO vote that day approved a motion to continue the hearing. That allowed LAFCO staff to develop additional exit fee options, and the vote to continue the hearing June 5 after 3 p.m. also avoided

a hasty decision.

Vanderlaan expressed preference for a delay rather than an immediate decision. Vista Irrigation District board member Jo MacKenzie, who voted to continue the hearing, was not available July 10, so Drake voted as the special districts alternate.

"We did not want to leave the Water Authority," said FPUD resident Paula Coxe. "All San Diegans want affordable water."

Coxe and her husband live on a parcel which is zoned for one dwelling unit per 20 acres. "The County of San Diego made a commitment that agriculture is important," she said. "We can keep it as farmland."

Coxe noted that the CWA rate increases exceed the inflation rate. "We are now desperate. The 56,000 residents of Fallbrook and Rainbow are not the villains," she said.

"This detachment has been an opportunity for the Water Authority to improve their reputation," said Stefani Baxter. "Rainbow and Fallbrook are well within their right to detach."

Baxter noted that the County of San Diego could also justify revenue increases if the cost of water makes agriculture unfeasible. "If agriculture in North County disappears we wouldn't be surprised if the county rezones land to meet housing demand," she said.

CWA board vice-chair Nick Serrano is one of the City of San Diego representatives on the CWA board. "It is the wrong solution," he said of detachment.

Serrano noted that the CWA has a new interim general manager (Sandra Kerl retired June 29). "I do believe we have the options and opportunities to address the issues that they brought forward," he said.

"The Water Authority has had plenty of opportunities," said Rainbow general counsel Bill Pellman. "They have failed."

During the June 5 hearing, the issue of MWD approval was discussed. FPUD legal counsel Paula de Sousa noted that a section of the Metropolitan Water District Act specifically addresses an exchange of territory between two MWD agencies. "There is no requirement for anything further," she said.

The CWA revenue which would be lost would be for the fixed charges FPUD and Rainbow pay which cover the CWA's fixed costs. "We've received very little to no benefit," said FPUD Board Member Dave Baxter. "Yet we continue to pay a tremendous amount of money for that infrastructure."

Baxter noted that FPUD and

Rainbow account for 1.5% of the CWA's total revenues and that the margin of error in the CWA budget is 6%.

Lakeside egg farmer Frank Hilliker is on the Lakeside Water District board and is Lakeside's representative to the CWA board. Hilliker brought up that the rest of the CWA area, including farmers, would have to make up the revenue lost by the FPUD and Rainbow detachment. "That in agriculture is what you call subsidies," he said.

No other farmers opposed the detachment in person at the LAFCO hearing. FPUD Board Member Charley Wolk owns Bejoca Grove and Landscape Management, which serves farms in both districts as well as in other North County and Southern Riverside County districts. "Where we're located, we don't use any County Water Authority facilities," Wolk said.

Wolk noted that other CWA agencies would also pay a greater share of fixed costs when certain CWA members complete their projects to enhance local supply. "Other districts are investing millions of dollars to find an alternative to purchasing water from the San Diego County Water Authority," he said.

Rick Carey has already removed approximately 1,200 trees due to the high cost of water. "That was before the current round of rate hikes," he said. "We need cheap water to survive."

(On June 22, the CWA increased rates by an average of 9.5% percent. Due to fixed charges, the increase for some agencies will exceed that amount.)

"Fallbrook and Rainbow have already contributed billions of dollars to the Water Authority," said Fallbrook Community Planning Group Chair Eileen Delaney.

"We have tried in good faith to impact the Water Authority decision-making process for decades but to no avail," said Jennifer Jeffries, who has been a Fallbrook ratepayer since 1988.

"It's unlikely that the whole San Diego County Water Authority is going to fall apart because 2 1/2% of their constituents want to leave," said Jon Frandell.

MWD's San Diego Aqueduct conveys water to a delivery point six miles south of the Riverside County line, which allowed MWD and the CWA to provide equal contributions for the connection between MWD's Colorado River Aqueduct and the San Vicente Reservoir in Lakeside. All but one of FPUD's connections are from MWD pipelines rather than from CWA pipelines, and four of Rainbow's eight connections are to the MWD portion of the pipeline.

"FPUD and Rainbow have a reliable source of water and the infrastructure to deliver it," said Jerri Patchett.

"It's time to decide. For 3 1/2 years, Rainbow and FPUD have been in discussions with the San Diego County Water Authority," Patchett said. "We've been in it for 3 1/2 years with no resolution."

Helix Water District board president Kathleen Coates Hedberg is a Fallbrook High School graduate whose father was once the Rainbow Municipal Water District general manager. "Maybe we need to tell the San Diego County Water Authority to work with all these agencies, not just those two but all of us," she said.

Hedberg opposes the detachment. "It's like we build an apartment with 24 rooms and two are always empty," she said.

Hedberg also noted the precedent of allowing agencies to leave the CWA. "Next week you'll have Lakeside wanting to leave because they can drill more wells," she said.

(The San Diego River flows through the Lakeside Water District.)

"The 98% would like the 1 1/2 percent to pay," said Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce CEO Lila

Hargrove.

"I am feeling like we are in an abusive marriage with the San Diego County Water Authority," Hargrove said. "It is legally our right to leave this toxic marriage."

"The San Diego County Water Authority has had decades to address this problem," said second-generation farmer Duane Urquhart.

"That is some of the most prime farmland in all of California," Urquhart said. "We're not able to sustain and support agriculture in that area."

Suzanne Walton had approximately 400 trees on her property before removing them due to high water costs. "We don't have time. This should have already happened three years ago," she said.

Walton noted that the other 22 agencies would have an increased share of fixed costs if farm closures reduce water sales in FPUD and Rainbow. "We're all going out of business, and you are going to bear the brunt of more costs anyway because we're not buying that water anymore," she said.

Leticia Maldonado-Stamos noted that farmers aren't the only FPUD and Rainbow ratepayers affected by high water costs. "The most impacted are working families," she said. "We are within our right to seek a free and clear detachment."

"We would like to see the Water Authority stay whole," Desmond said. "We have to work with the law and the Administrative Code."

Desmond noted that the CWA's Administrative Code has no provisions for shifting burdens. "That should have been in the Administrative Code," he said.

"To me, I feel the Water Authority is shifting their lack of Administrative Code to LAFCO to fill it in," Desmond said. "At LAFCO it is not our job to do that."

Desmond noted that the CWA, FPUD, and Rainbow could reach a solution before the public vote is held. "This is not the end. There's still time," he said.

Willis noted that the water agencies impacted by the elimination of the FPUD and Rainbow fixed fee payments would have five years of exit fee payments to adjust to the lower revenues. "Most businesses could do that in one year," he said.

"The water districts, they really need to get tough on their budgets," Willis said. "I believe they can cut their expenses by three or four percent to make up for this loss in revenue."

Willis would also like to see the CWA reduce its expenses. "I would like to hear something that they would try to cut costs," he said.

White noted that the CWA was responsible for financial impacts. "Neither LAFCO nor Fallbrook nor Rainbow has the ability to raise rates for the rest of the county," he said.

"I think this is a relatively loud alarm," Drake said.

"This will benefit Fallbrook and Rainbow, and it will hurt everyone else in San Diego County," Whitburn said.

(The San Diego County Water Authority does not cover all of San Diego County. Some parts of the county are east of the CWA boundaries, and California American Water serves Imperial Beach, Coronado, and part of Chula Vista. The CWA's 24 member agencies provide water to approximately 3.3 million county residents.)

LAFCO has a 30-day reconsideration period. Although a public vote will be automatic for FPUD and Rainbow, a protest period will allow Eastern ratepayers the option of a public vote. The FPUD and Rainbow boards will then call for elections. The elections will be separate, and if detachment is approved in only one district that district will detach while the other district will remain part of the CWA.

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OBITUARIES



John "Jack" Donohue was born in Queens, New York July 4, 1937, as the third of six children. He passed away peacefully at home June 22, 2023, at the age of 85.

Jack met his wife, Rita, while proudly serving as a U.S. Marine stationed at Camp Pendleton. Loving the town of Fallbrook, he settled there with Rita and together they raised their children, Scott and Kimberly.

He was a heavy equipment operator and later acting foreman for San Diego County Department of Public Works, Road Division,

for 30 years. Jack and his crew maintained the streets in the Fallbrook, Bonsall, and Rainbow area. If a tree fell across the road at 3 a.m. on a stormy night, he was there with his chainsaw to clear the way. He was proud to be an American, every morning raising the flag, and every evening bringing it down.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of 64 years, Rita; son Scott (Carrie) and daughter Kimberly Savage (Tom); sisters Noreen Koudelka and Charlotte Hall of New York, and four grandchildren, Sean and Van

Donohue, Troy and Madison Savage. His friends and family will miss his love, fun, wit and lively, humorous stories.

Visitation was on Wednesday, July 12 at Berry-Bell & Hall Mortuary and a prayer service was held Thursday, July 13 at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Fallbrook. A graveside service with military honors followed at the Fallbrook Masonic Cemetery.

Please sign the guest book at <https://www.berry-bellandhall.com>.

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July 15 – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Adults Working with Youth Mental Health First Aid. This free 8-hour certification public education program will be offered at the Community Health & Wellness Center, 1636 E. Mission Road. Learn to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders and provide initial support. For more info including additional training dates or to register, call 760-731-9187 or visit <https://www.fallbrookhealth.org/mental-health-first-aid>.

July 15 – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Adult Mental Health First Aid training offered in Spanish. This free 8-hour certification public education program will be offered at the Community Health & Wellness Center, 1636 E. Mission Road. Learn to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders and provide initial support. For more info including additional training dates or to register, call 760-731-9187 or visit <https://www.fallbrookhealth.org/mental-health-first-aid>.

July 16 – 11 a.m. – Fallbrook High School Wrestling Team is holding a fundraiser at Live Oak Park, including an adult cornhole tournament and activities for the children; fun run, tug of war, arm wrestling, push up contest and scavenger hunt for youth. Cost is \$40 per adult cornhole team, \$20 for youth activities.

July 18 – 5:30-6:30 p.m. – Pool Safety and CPR class. Keep your family safe this summer by learning pool safety and adult, child, & infant CPR as well as adult & child choking and AED use. Free Water Watcher lanyards will be provided to all participants. Fallbrook Regional Health District's Community Health & Wellness Center, 1636 E. Mission Road. For more info or to register, call 760-731-9187 or visit <https://www.fallbrookhealth.org/hands-only-cpr>.

July 18 – 10-11:30 a.m. – Michelle's Place Cancer Resource Center hosts its monthly Mind, Body and Beyond, for anyone affected by cancer, including the caregivers and family members of a loved one with a diagnosis. July's group will discover Reiki at the Michelle's Place office on the Health & Wellness Center campus, 1636 E. Mission Road. It is free to attend. For questions, call 951-699-5455 or email fallbrook@michellesplace.org.

July 18, 25 & Aug 1 – 6:15-7:15 p.m. – Setting Boundaries, a six-part series based on "The Set Boundaries Workbook: Practical Exercises for Understanding Your Needs and Setting Healthy Limits," is presented by Palomar Family Counseling Center at the Community Health & Wellness Center, 1636 E. Mission Road. To register, call 760-466-8845 or just drop in.

July 26 – 12:30-2:30 p.m. – Wellness Wednesday Event and workshop "Cultivating Resilient Teens in The Digital Age" and free health screenings, education and resources will be provided from including blood glucose, blood pressure, and BMI, at the Community Health & Wellness Center, 1636 E. Mission Road. For more info or to register, call 760-731-9187 or visit <https://www.fallbrookhealth.org/health-screenings>.

July 27 – 2 pm- Healthy Aging Workshop "Nutrition to Prevent Alzheimer's Disease-Related Dementias" offered by CSU San Marcos School of Nursing at the Fallbrook Regional Health District's Community Health & Wellness Center, 1636 E. Mission Road. No need to register, for more information call 760-731-9187 or

visit <https://www.fallbrookhealth.org/>.

Aug. 5 – 3-7 p.m. – San Diego Sheriff Station to hold National Night Out, a community safety event with guests from Bomb/Arson, ASTREA, SWAT team, and Search & Rescue, at Main Avenue and Alvarado Street. More info will be coming.

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

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

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

Sept. 22 – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Adult Mental Health First Aid. This free 8-hour certification public education program will be offered at the Fallbrook Regional Health District's Community Health & Wellness Center, 1636 E. Mission Road. Learn to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders and provide initial aid. For more info including additional training dates or to register, call 760-731-9187 or visit <https://www.fallbrookhealth.org/mental-health-first-aid>.

Sept. 29 – 10 a.m. – Boys & Girls Clubs of North County to host the annual North County Cup at Journey at Pechanga. Registration opens at 10 a.m. and tee time is 11:30 a.m. Followed by a delicious awards banquet with auction and opportunity drawings featuring many hard-to-get items. Golfers of all levels are welcome; all proceeds benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of North County. For more info, visit www.bgcnorthcounty.org or call 760-728-5871.

Oct. 3 – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Blood Drive at Fallbrook Regional Health District's Community Health & Wellness Center, 1636 E. Mission Road. Donate and save a life. Registration is preferred but walk-ins are also welcome. To register, go to <https://www.fallbrookhealth.org/blood-drive-dates>.

Nov. 4 – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Veterans & Families Mental Health First Aid. This free 8-hour certification public education program will be offered at the Community Health & Wellness Center, 1636 E. Mission Road. Learn to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders and provide initial support. For more info including additional training dates or to register, call 760-731-9187 or visit <https://www.fallbrookhealth.org/mental-health-first-aid>.

Dec. 19 – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Blood Drive at Fallbrook Regional Health District's Community Health & Wellness Center, 1636 E. Mission Road. Donate and save a life. Registration is preferred but walk-ins are also welcome. To register, go to <https://www.fallbrookhealth.org/blood-drive-dates>.



There aren't many people who love life like **Kathleen Mae Miller** did. Those who knew her know that she smiled frequently and laughed warmly. She had a strong connection to her Catholic faith and pride in her Irish heritage. Kathleen passed away on June 18, 2023.

Kathleen was born April 24, 1927, in Franklin, Minnesota, to Ellen and Ralph Farenbaugh. She was one of four children. Her brothers were Jack and Mike and younger sister, Mary Pat.

She graduated from Franklin School in 1945 and attended business school in Minneapolis. She worked for a life insurance company for several years.

Kathleen met Harry during this time, they dated for a short time and lost touch with each other. A few years later, after Kathleen had moved to Los Angeles, Harry contacted her and they reconnected. Harry proposed to her on Valentine's Day and they were married a few months later on April 19, 1958.

They settled in Portland, Oregon and also enjoyed a second home in Cannon Beach, Oregon.

Soon they started a family, Kevin, Mark and Terri. She was a Cub Scout leader, 4H leader and a busy mother with three active children.

Kathleen began her 35-year Real

Estate career at Tarbell Realtors in Portland and was awarded one of the top 10 realtors in that city.

In 1980, the family relocated to Fallbrook. Kathleen joined Century 21 Harriman-Miller to continue in real estate and she was honored to be part of the Multi-Million Dollar club.

When her first grandson was born in 1992, she retired from real estate and become a full-time grandma. She is fondly called Grandma K or "GMA". Three more grandchildren arrived. Kathleen's days revolved around all of their activities, sports, school, and Storytime at the library.

Kathleen enjoyed her senior swim classes at the senior center in Fallbrook, every week she looked forward to meeting her friends at class.

Opening day at Del Mar became a huge family party through the years. She wore her favorite hat and immersed herself in the excitement of the day.

Kathleen often told us how blessed she felt that her husband built their home in Fallbrook. She was grateful to live there independently and kept the entire 8 acre property with the avocado grove and orange trees thriving.

She will be missed by her children, Kevin Miller, Mark Miller and Terri Norman;

Daughter-in-law Charlene Miller and son-in-law Greg Norman; also four grandchildren, Max Miller, Marisa Miller and Mike Miller and Paul Norman.

Visitation at Berry-Bell & Hall Mortuary will be on July 19, 4-8 p.m. with a Vigil/Rosary at 6:30 p.m.

Funeral Mass will be July 20, 11 a.m. at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church,

450 S. Stage Coach Lane, Fallbrook, immediately followed by Gravesite Committal Service at Eternal Hills Memorial Park, 1999 El Camino Real, Oceanside, CA 92054.

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For their convenience, members of the public may attend in-person or virtually through Zoom Meeting ID: 879 2866 1697 Pass code: 790281 Dial in by Phone: 16694449171 Meeting ID: 87928661697# Pass code: 790281# https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87928661697?pwd=ekVZaUxvQlVpbmNGZWZsbWpjbXkyZz09 Para leer este agenda en español, copia y pega este texto en https://translate.google.com/ Este servicio de traducción se ofrece como recurso adicional para información. AGENDA 1. CALL TO ORDER 2. STATEMENT (just cause) and/or consideration of a Request to Participate remotely...

Change of Name ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case Number: 37-2023-00025737-CU-PT-CTL TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS Petitioner: APRIL ANGELINA GARCIA Present Name: APRIL ANGELINA GARCIA Proposed Name: ANIQUE ANGELINA GARCIA 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.

Petition to Admin Estate NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DAVID TOMAIKO, also known as DAVID JOSEPH TOMAIKO CASE NO. 37-2023-00019009-PR-LA-CTL To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: DAVID TOMAIKO, also known as DAVID JOSEPH TOMAIKO A Petition for Probate has been filed by LYNNETTE MARY GINGRICH in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN DIEGO The Petition for Probate requests that LYNNETTE MARY GINGRICH be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, 330 S. Main Avenue, Fallbrook, California, County of San Diego, has adopted the District's Preliminary Budget. The Budget is available for inspection by interested persons and taxpayers at the Administrative Offices, located at 330 S. Main Avenue, Fallbrook, California and on the District website at www.ncfireca.gov and will remain so available until the final hearing thereon. Notice is further given that the Board of Directors of the NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT will conduct a Public Hearing on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023, AT A TIME CERTAIN OF 5:05 P.M. or as soon thereafter as such matter can be heard, at the Fallbrook Public Utility District, 990 E. Mission Road, Fallbrook, California, to consider ADOPTION OF THE FY 2023/2024 FINAL BUDGET. Any interested person or taxpayer may appear at the said time and place and be heard regarding the increase, decrease or omission of any item of the Budget, or for the including of any additional items. BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT. Mavis Canpinar Board Clerk June 27, 2023 Published July 13, 20, 2023 Petition to Admin Estate STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME File Number: 2023-9014083 Fictitious Business Name(s) To Be Abandoned: Name of Business HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS, SOLANA BEACH/ DEL MAR 621 S. Highway 101, Solana Beach, CA 92075 Mailing address: 698 Camino El Dorado, Encinitas, CA 92024 County: San Diego The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in San Diego County on 07/20/2021 and assigned File No. 2021-9015592. The fictitious business name is being abandoned by: Alps Hospitality, Inc., 698 Camino El Dorado, Encinitas, CA 92024 This business is conducted by a Corporation This Corporation is registered in the state of California THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON Jul 05, 2023 LEGAL: 6241 PUBLISHED: July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 2023 PUBLISHED: July 13, 20, 27, 2023



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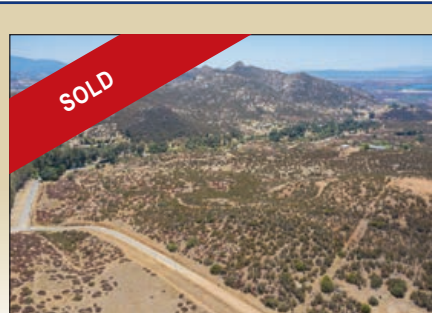


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