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## Supervisors approve grant for cannabis social equity

In the event the state's Office of Business and Economic Development approves the County of San Diego's application for a Cannabis Equity Act grant, the county's Office of Equity and Racial Justice is now authorized to accept it. A 4-1 San Diego County Board of Supervisors vote May 5, with Jim Desmond opposed, authorized the OERJ director or designee to conduct all negotiations, submit all necessary documents, and execute grant agreements for the proposed \$75,000 grant.

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## Sponsor Group tables proposed Willow Tree center

The Bonsall Community Sponsor Group tabled a possible recommendation on the proposed Willow Tree academic enrichment center. Concerns about the size of the proposed buildings and about increasing traffic congestion including if an evacuation is necessary caused the sponsor group to delay a decision until at least the June 1 meeting. The item was tabled without a sponsor group vote.

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## SD County likely to stay in Orange Tier

San Diego County Supervisor Nathan Fletcher is "not optimistic" the county will graduate into the least-restrictive of the state's Blueprint for a Safer Economy tiers before June 15, the date Gov. Gavin Newsom has set to lift remaining restrictions set up to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The county is in the orange tier of the color-coded system due to an adjusted case rate of five new daily cases per 100,000 people.

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## McReynolds named NCFPD Fire Chief

FALLBROOK – Keith McReynolds has been selected to serve as Fire Chief for the North County Fire Protection District when current NCFPD Fire Chief Stephen Abbott retires at the end of July. The NCFPD Board of Directors held a special meeting May 3 which included the unanimous decision to name McReynolds as Abbott's successor.

McReynolds joined the NCFPD in 1990 as a Fire Explorer Scout. Throughout his career at North County Fire, McReynolds has served as a Reserve/Firefighter, Firefighter/Paramedic, Fire Captain, Shift Battalion Chief, Administrative Battalion Chief, and Division Chief.

He holds an associate degree in Fire Science, a bachelor's in Fire Science Administration, and will graduate in June with a master's degree in Organizational Leadership/Emergency Management Leadership. He is a student of the California Executive Fire Officers Program and has been accepted into the 2021 Fire



Retiring NCFPD Fire Chief Steve Abbot, left, congratulates incoming Fire Chief Keith McReynolds on his selection by the NCFPD Board of Directors, May 3.

Village News/Courtesy photo

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## Betsy Phillips is 104 and counting

Ruth Haferkamp  
Special to the Village News

It is almost incomprehensible that four years ago I was visiting Betsy Phillips for the very first time to interview her on the occasion of the preparations for her 100th birthday, May 13, 2017. When Betsy and I spoke on the phone to set up an appointment for yet another interview to acknowledge her 104th year, she and I confirmed with one another that we had both received our second COVID-19 vaccinations.

The day arrived and Betsy greeted me warmly into her home; the difference was, I felt like I was being welcomed as an old friend.

As I entered Betsy's home, a beautiful piece of music was playing which I identified as Mozart's Clarinet Concerto in A, K622-2 Adagio. This particular selection of music was featured in the movie "Out of Africa," one of my favorite pieces. I said to Betsy, "how delightful!" She replied, "That music is playing from my 'Alexa' and besides music, I also ask Alexa for the weather report." An amazing woman!

Betsy looked so relaxed and poised, while displaying her sweet infectious smile. Wearing a pair of fashionable jeans and lovely top, she escorted me into her dining

room where we seated ourselves and began conversing truly like old friends.

I asked Betsy how she was doing, and she delicately laughed and said, "well to tell you the truth, I felt marooned this past year!" Quite amazing though how life has a tendency to unfold in miraculous ways, she added, "Just before the COVID shutdown, I was advised that a young man, whilst studying in his profession, was looking for accommodations. I felt safe and confident offering my delightful living space located in the downstairs area of the basement for him to rent which also has its own private entrance." Betsy continued, "little did I know how this young man would kindly be assisting me from time to time to do little errands during this COVID Era, which also included grocery shopping."

Betsy, a very independent woman, drives weekly to attend church, does her own shopping, cooking, visits friends and manages her own home beautifully. But of course, COVID-19 has "temporarily" changed her lifestyle. Her son and daughter who love her dearly, and live some distance away, respect her



Fallbrook resident Betsy Phillips celebrates her 104th birthday May 13.

Village News/Courtesy photo

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## Deputies shut down illegal marijuana cultivation in Rainbow

### Drugs and weapon seized

FALLBROOK – Deputies of the Fallbrook Crime Suppression Team were assisting area detectives with an unrelated investigation when they discovered an illegal marijuana cultivation operation near the 9100 block of Huntley Road in Rainbow. A search warrant was obtained for the property which contained approximately 15 large green houses and two residential buildings.

Members of the Sheriff's Special Enforcement Detail served the search warrant at the property May 5 and detained seven individuals who were later determined to be working at the illegal marijuana cultivation operation.

Fallbrook Crime Suppression Team deputies, with the assistance of several Task Force Officers from the San Diego Integrated Regional Narcotic Task Force, Sheriff's Narcotics and Gang Division detectives, Vista COPPS Team deputies and County Code Compliance Officers removed over 8900 marijuana plants, 20 pounds of processed marijuana and a loaded 30-06 rifle.

The estimated street value of the seized marijuana is more than seven million dollars. Felony charges will be filed with the San Diego County District Attorney's Office against the subjects who were detained at the scene.

Members of the Sheriff's Special Enforcement Detail served a search warrant at a property off of Huntley Road in Rainbow May 5 and removed over 8900 marijuana plants, 20 pounds of processed marijuana and a loaded 30-06 rifle.

Village News/San Diego County Sheriff's Dept. photos



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Garden club to learn about California native plants

FALLBROOK – Fallbrook Garden Club is pleased to present Susan Liebes of the Fallbrook Land Conservancy as the guest speaker at its Tuesday, May 25 Zoom General Meeting.

Attendees will learn about California native plants that provide valuable wildlife habitat on Fallbrook Land Conservancy's open space preserves and also thrive in the home garden. The plants have distinct growing requirements but can be successfully grown in home gardens, bringing color to the garden year-round.

Liebes has been gardening with native California plants for 20 years. She has been

volunteering with the Fallbrook Land Conservancy's Native Plant Restoration Team for nine years, and has been on the FLC Board of Directors for five years, serving as Chair since 2018.

Non-members who would like an invitation to this program can send their full name and email address to [fallbrookgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:fallbrookgardenclub@gmail.com). The meeting begins at 1 p.m. with a short business meeting followed by the guest speaker.

For more information, visit [www.fallbrookgardenclub.org](http://www.fallbrookgardenclub.org).

Submitted by the Fallbrook Garden Club.



Susan Liebes will talk about California native plants at the May 27 Fallbrook Garden Club general meeting.

## REINS to host 31st Annual REINS of Life Golf Tournament

FALLBROOK – REINS will be hosting the 31st Annual REINS of Life Golf Tournament benefiting REINS Therapeutic Horsemanship Program July 6-8.

This will be a day of golfing and fun with contests, prizes, raffles, silent auction, cocktails, and more.

There will also be many different contests, including the Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, and Putting contests with the chance to win great prizes.

To register for this event, visit <https://reinsprogram.org/events-calendar/reins-of-life-golf-tournament/>.

Submitted by REINS Therapeutic Horsemanship Program.

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## FUESD Governing Board to host virtual meeting on May 17

FALLBROOK – The Fallbrook Union Elementary School District Governing Board will meet virtually on Monday, May 17 at 6 p.m. Meeting agendas and login information can be found at [fuesd.org/board](http://fuesd.org/board).

All are invited to attend the meeting.

Submitted by FUESD Superintendent, Dr. Candace Singh.

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<p><b>MAY 28</b> America's Got Talent Winner <b>Kodi Lee</b> Showtime 8 PM • \$25</p>	<p><b>MAY 29</b> <b>Oingo Boingo</b> Tribute by <b>Dead Man's Party</b> Showtime 8 PM • \$10</p>	<p><b>MAY 30</b> <b>Luis Coronel</b> Showtime 6 PM • \$25</p>
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## Registration is now open for free Genealogy research topics

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Genealogy Society will be hosting webinars on various genealogical topics during May and June. SDGS is dedicated to promoting interest in the fields of genealogy and family history research through individual and group effort and in cooperation with other like-minded organizations.

To register for any of the following webinars or meetings, visit [casdgs.org](http://casdgs.org) and select "calendar."

- May 15 Webinar: Cemetery Records of the British Isles by Colin Whitney
  - May 19 Webinar: Genealogy Research Challenges by Don Smith
  - May 22 Webinar: Ask a Genealogist by Barbara Stanculescu, Christy Dolan, Colin Whitney
  - June 1 Webinar: Topics of Interest for Reunion for Mac Users by Anne Albers
  - June 5 Webinar: Genetic Affairs website for DNA by Colin Whitney
  - June 12 Webinar: Introduction to German Research by Barbara Stanculescu
  - June 12 Webinar: Understanding DNA by Colin Whitney
  - June 12, Monthly Meeting – Guest Speaker Sara Cochran
- Visit [casdgs.org](http://casdgs.org) to register or learn more about future events.

Submitted by the San Diego Genealogy Society.

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**Ken's Corner**

We all know that having a goal of 10,000 steps per day is a great help for our physical well being. Also proper diet, plenty of sleep, exercise and all of that. I always feel better when I know I am doing all I can to stay fit. Sometimes though, we still have health challenges.. and then AGING happens to us all hopefully. It is during the health challenges and worn out joints that I am just amazed at the advancements and revolutionized processes used today in surgeries and recovery periods. Plenty of Praise and thanks go to the health professionals and doctors, nurses, surgeons and everyone in the health care industry..I appreciate all that has been done for me and for my well being. Thank You!! -Ken

**Sharon's Corner**

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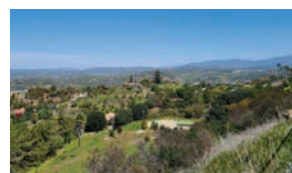
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**Business Spotlight**



**Casa Tiene Vista Vineyard**

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**Charity Spotlight**



**Foundation for Senior Care**

Join the upcoming Road Rally and help support Foundation for Senior Care. On Sat, May 22nd, participants will solve clues and puzzles like a scavenger hunt while visiting local businesses in Fallbrook & Bonsall. Collect goodies & raffle tickets for changes to win great prizes! The rally starts and ends at 135 South Mission Road, at W. Fig Street, in Fallbrook. Check-in & collect game rules anytime between 10am-11am. Complete the rally circuit and return no later than 2pm. From 11:30am-2:30pm there will be entertainment, food, raffle and a silent auction at The Foundation for Senior Care. Rally registration costs \$50 per car or bike. Register today at www.foundationforseniorcare.org/events/road-rally.



## OPINION

### Honoring — and Helping — our veterans



**Assemblymember Marie Waldron**  
75th Assembly District

May is National Military Appreciation Month, with several observances honoring our veterans and their families, including Military Spouse Appreciation Day May 7, Armed Forces Day May

15 and Memorial Day May 31.

Honoring the service and sacrifice of our active-duty military and our veterans is important, but supporting them means more than holidays or national commemorations. This session I am very pleased that members of my Caucus have introduced important legislation that will help improve the lives and livelihoods of California's veterans.

AB 291, introduced by Assemblyman Kelly Seyarto (R-Murrieta), will provide tax relief to military survivors taking advantage of Survivor Benefit Plans (SBPs), a benefit that many military members choose to opt into. California has 29,000 survivors receiving SBP payments, and most are over 65. Today only six states fully tax SBPs. AB 291 will eliminate this unnecessary, costly burden on military families.

State licensing fees required for many professions can cost

hundreds of dollars and are one of the hurdles many veterans face transitioning to civilian life. AB 1026, introduced by Assemblyman Thurston "Smitty" Smith (R-Apple Valley) will lighten the burden. The bill grants a 50% fee reduction for initial state licensing to any honorably discharged member of the United States Armed Forces or California National Guard. Another bill, AB 1151, also introduced by Assemblyman Smith, will eliminate the \$5 fee charged by the DMV for veterans to add the word "VETERAN" to the face of their driver's license or ID card. The DMV doesn't need the money, there is really no reason for this fee.

The men and women who have worn the uniform, often at great risk and sacrifice, have protected and defended us all. Eliminating needless taxes and fees makes California more affordable for veterans, and benefits everyone.

### Community Paramedicine



**Supervisor Jim Desmond**  
5th District

We've learned a lot over the last year. While there's been tragedy, we've also adapted as a society and hopefully we can use some of that knowledge going forward to help those in need.

The COVID-19 pandemic brought to light the limits of healthcare access in our rural San Diego County communities. There are many homebound seniors who struggle to get the proper care they need and we are taking steps to bring services to them.

At the beginning of the pandemic, the County began to provide COVID-19 related services in the unincorporated communities, including COVID-19 tests, COVID-19 vaccinations and eventually expanded to offer flu vaccinations.

Because of the success, I proposed a Board letter to look at expanding this effort to help reach our rural communities with more services. This could include connecting patients to primary care, conducting post-hospital visits, and expanding public health education. Also, staff could

conduct more home visits focused on reducing falls in the home and providing hospice care.

We call it "Community Paramedicine" and it is our hope that by delivering services to those hard-to-reach places, we can eliminate the need to drive or transport patients via ambulance, cut down on hospital readmissions and most importantly, save lives.

I'm pleased to report my colleagues unanimously voted to explore the feasibility of establishing a Community Risk Reduction - Community Paramedicine medical services program and return to the Board within 180 with their recommendations for implementation. I'll keep you updated with the effort and hopefully soon we will be able to provide these services to those who need it!

### Board unanimously supports Anderson's sex offender plan

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego County Board of Supervisors unanimously supported Supervisor Joel Anderson's measure to look at specific actions the Board can take to increase both notification of registered sex offenders and the placement of sexually violent predators. County staff will return with options.

"I intend to do everything I can to stop the dumping of sex offenders in my district," said Anderson. "It's time for local authorities to step up and lead this process. I intend to do so."

Anderson's staff spent several weeks researching this issue,

receiving much unclear, often contradictory, and incomplete information from both state and local officials.

"Most of the public agencies we contacted, both state and local, indicated that they had no additional ability to expand their roles in notification of registered sex offenders and the housing of Sexually Violent Predators (SVP)."

Anderson has found the following:

The process is dysfunctional, lacks transparency and has inadequate public notification.

- There can be increased

notification to the community regarding the location of registered sex offenders.

- There is the ability for a local process, or committee to be directly involved in giving input on the housing of Sexual Violent Predators (SVP) such as Douglass Badger's placement in unincorporated El Cajon.

"This approach has never been acted upon. I will," said Anderson.

*Submitted by the office of Supervisor Joel Anderson.*

### Senate committee rejects Prop. 13 reform and \$348 million for essential services

SACRAMENTO – The Senate Governance and Finance Committee rejected Senate Bill 706 by Senator Patricia Bates (R-Laguna Niguel) May 6 on a partisan vote that would have corrected an outdated interpretation of property "change of ownership" that has been part of the long running debate around commercial property and Proposition 13 (the 1978 initiative that limited property tax increases).

"Politics has once again prevailed over common sense," said Senator Bates. "It is clear that tax-and-spend interests are not interested in fixing a problem with Prop. 13. They would rather use the problem as a pretext to gut Prop. 13 in a future election. This cynical political strategy has been going on since 2014 and has only hurt local governments who will continue to lose \$348 million each year for essential services. Californians deserve better."

Senate Bill 706 would have changed the definition of "change of control" of a corporate entity to include situations where 90% of the ownership interests changes hands in a single transaction within any three-year period. It would have prevented a repeat of examples similar to the 2006 purchase of Santa Monica's Miramar Hotel where the purchaser realized he could structure the transaction without any one entity owning a 50 percent majority share in the property.

Despite the fact that 100% of the hotel's ownership changed hands, reassessment of the property did not occur, resulting in a tax loss to Los Angeles County of over \$1 million annually. Had SB 706 been in effect in 2006, Los Angeles County would have reassessed the Miramar Hotel.

Democratic-controlled legislative committees previously killed similar bills from Senator Bates: SB 1319 (2020), SB 1237 (2018), and SB 259 (2015). The BOE estimated that SB 1319 could have generated \$348 million annually in new tax revenue.

SB 706 is also similar to a 2014 bill authored by former Democratic Assembly Members Tom Amiano and Raul Bocanegra. Their bill, AB 2372 (2014), cleared the Assembly with bipartisan support, only to die in the Senate.

California's voters rejected Prop. 15 (2020) last November

that would have created a "split-roll" to separate commercial and industrial property from Prop. 13, which would have caused massive tax increases for many job creators. Prop. 15's supporters framed their effort as ending abuses, when in truth their real goal was to eviscerate Prop. 13's tax protections.

Even the Los Angeles Times' editorial board, which endorsed Prop. 15, wrote after its defeat:

"If Proposition 15 was too ambitious a first step, here's a more modest one: closing the loophole that allows businesses to game the system and avoid being taxed on the full value of the properties they buy. Bills to do so have been unable to gain any traction in Sacramento in recent years, despite the stories of deep-pocketed buyers of commercial property coming up with schemes to prevent newly purchased buildings from being reassessed."

Senator Bates authored most of the bills that "have been unable to gain any traction in Sacramento," with SB 706 being the latest casualty.

*Senator Patricia Bates (R-Laguna Niguel) represents the 36th Senate District in the California Legislature, which covers South Orange County, North San Diego County, and Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton.*

### The most amazing chance encounter in Bonsall



**Julie Reeder**  
Publisher

I had the privilege of meeting an amazingly intelligent and interesting man one morning about 20 years ago at Sunrise Cafe in Bonsall (predecessor to Z Cafe). He had lived in Fallbrook only three days. It's always fun for me to meet someone new to our area and hear their story, so we struck up a conversation.

He was originally from India but came to the U.S. to attend MIT and Wharton School of Business and later attended Dartmouth, Columbia and Kellogg as well. He was one of the original inventors of modem technology, but we talked mostly about his views on the United States and his nonprofit. He spent most of his time traveling to Third World countries consulting them on western governance because, according to him, they wanted what the U.S. had, and it was his real passion.

He explained that in the U.S. we have far fewer natural resources than many other countries, but we are so successful because we understand that people are our greatest resource.

As I asked his views on current affairs and how he viewed the U.S., he explained to me what a wonderful country the United States is and how unique.

He said the fact that our government protects our contractual agreements is foundational.

He explained that, for instance, in India his family not only feared that bandits would steal from them, but possibly their government as well. He explained that the rule of law is a very big deal and also part of the reason for our success.

I thought of that chance encounter this week as I read the news of how the Biden administration was considering an override of intellectual property rights protections of the vaccine companies in the U.S. in order to help the other countries like India. While it seems like the humane thing to do in order to save lives, it could be a slippery slope for future research and development as people are now not only concerned about the very real stealth of U.S. intellectual property from China, but now we are considering giving it away, without the approval of

the stockholders and people who actually own or invested in that technology.

EU Chancellor Angela Merkel reiterated her stance that the shortage of vaccines worldwide would not be solved by a waiver of patents, as suggested by President Biden. They encouraged our government instead to start sending over vaccines already produced which would be much faster and wouldn't endanger future investments in research and development. Europe apparently provides half their vaccine supply to their own people and half to other countries.

I'm sure there is a compromise that is a win-win between big business, investors, our government and human lives.

But, back to PK, he also talked about how the "can do" spirit is very strong in the U.S. He explained how people here are raised in a culture thinking they can do anything they set their minds to, no matter their race or upbringing and how that just isn't prevalent in many other countries. He said there are countries where people don't feel that independent spirit. They wait for the government to tell them what they can and can't do, so that makes a huge difference. He attributed it to our Judeo-Christian beliefs because people believe their rights are God given and not government given as was set up by our founding fathers.

He also said that our culture is very generous. He said he had traveled the world far and wide and he believed that Americans were very generous and that was also part of our culture.

There was so much more to the conversation I had with PK that day, but suffice it to say, that conversation had a lasting impact on me.

We are an independent and generous country, according to PK who was here during the 60s to present. He owned companies that exported technology all over the world. I will have to ask him his opinion on the government giving away a company's intellectual property.

We are in such a different space 20 years ago than we are now where everything is about race. It didn't occur to me then, but it does now, that he was a very dark-skinned person, and he came here and is probably one of the most successful people I've ever had the pleasure of meeting and I don't ever remember him complaining during the several meetings we had about how anyone tried to keep him down.

PK is thankful for the opportunities in America, I can honestly say that I too am thankful for a society that allows me (pre and post COVID) to have open conversation with someone as interesting as PK over breakfast any time our schedules allow for it and no one thinks anything of it.

### Issa to introduce legislation to allow Veterans Memorial Day event After Biden denial

WASHINGTON – Congressman Darrell Issa (CA-50) released a statement May 6 following the Pentagon's rejection of a permit request for the Rolling to Remember Memorial Day motorcycle ride in recognition of POW/MIA veterans.

Congressman Issa said, "I call on President Biden to reverse the Pentagon's insulting decision to block patriotic Americans from organizing in remembrance of POW/MIAs in Washington, D.C. this Memorial Day.

"Just days ago, President Biden hosted an outdoor drive-in political rally. The Rolling to Remember outdoor ride-in event is no less deserving of approval, yet was denied by the Administration. If this decision stands, their priorities are backwards.

"Now is the time to do the right thing. Memorial Day is weeks away. Approve the event permit and welcome patriotic veterans with pride.

"If the Administration does not act, I am authoring legislation to ensure that it does not shut out these veterans."

Veterans participating in the "Rolling to Remember" event ride their motorcycles in solemn

remembrance of the lost and missing brothers and sisters in service. There are 82,000 servicemembers still considered missing in action and every day 22 veterans die by suicide. The very meaning of Memorial Day is encapsulated in this annual ride, started over 30 years ago.

Traditionally, the Pentagon parking lot has been used as the pre-ride staging area, to safely line up for the solemn processional ride from the Department of Defense to the war memorials on the National Mall.

The event organizers, AMVETS, submitted permit requests and petitions for the event coordination to multiple federal agencies. AMVETS received approval from the Department of Transportation, the Department of Interior, and multiple other state and local authorities. The Pentagon is the only permit entity to not meet with AMVETS about the event.

The Pentagon approved the permit in March and then rescinded the decision without explanation. The Pentagon denied the permit on April 30, leaving event organizers scrambling for a safe alternative.

*Submitted by the office of Congressman Darrell Issa.*

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### Real Estate Roundup: L is for liens



**Kim Murphy**  
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A lien on property is something that financially burdens the property. Past due property taxes, unpaid child support, delinquent income tax, personal judgements, current mortgages, and fines from code violations are a few of the kinds of liens that will attach to real property.

When we list a property, we have a title company provide a preliminary title report which lists everything that is recorded against the property. That report includes easements, deeds, CCR's, liens and anything that has been recorded that impedes or improves the use or value of the property.

Easements, CCR's, and many other recorded documents stay with a property. For example, if your neighbor drives across your property to get to their property, that is an easement. The right for your neighbor to drive across your property isn't removed or eliminated when you sell. CCR's and private road maintenance agreements are designed to remain as restrictions or requirements no matter who owns the property.

Liens, however, must be cleared prior to transferring a property to a new owner. Liens are generally either specific to the property or the person or entity that owns the property. Mortgages and property taxes are a lien on the property. Code violations are a lien on the property. Child support, delinquent income tax and personal judgments are personal liens that attach to every piece of real property that the individual who is responsible for those liens owns.

If I own a home, an investment property and a piece of land and I have an income tax lien on me, personally, it will report on the title report for all three of those properties. Once the lien is satisfied or paid off, the lien will be eliminated from all three of those properties.

Why do you care about any of this? Because, I discovered, recently that past due water bills are not handled in the same way as other past due property debts. Let me share a story with you. We represented a seller who had leased his property to another business entity. Prior to leasing his property, the seller had opened an account with Rainbow Municipal Water District. The tenant was supposed to be paying the utility bills but had stopped paying the water and trash bills. The outstanding water bill was over \$3,000! That's a fairly large water bill by anyone's standards.

We presented the water bill to escrow for payment out of the seller's proceeds at the close of escrow. Escrow prepared the estimated closing sheet for the

seller's signature with the water bill itemized on it. Seller refused to pay the water bill and asked escrow to remove it from the statement.

That's when things got interesting. I contacted RMWD to see what could be done. They told me that they only file liens once a year on outstanding debts and once they filed the lien it would record against the property. I asked them if they could file it now or even provide a letter that states it will become a lien in the future, so we could add it to the title report, which would require it to be paid at the close of escrow.

They stated that they could not do that. I asked why they only filed liens once a year and they said that the county had set it up that way. At this point, I was completely in shock! How is it possible, that a person or entity can open an account, not pay the balance owed to that account, and have the cooperation of the utility company and county in passing that balance on to the new owner?

I contacted SD County to confirm what I had been told. Turns out, the county will process liens as they come in. The assessor's office does not require RMWD or any other utility to hold off and file their liens once a year. The person I spoke with at the county did share that many of the water districts across the county do it in the same manner.

My head is spinning. This is not right. The county rep said that he believed it had something to do with the fact that the utility used was a benefit to the property so even though a previous owner used the water, the land had benefited, so therefore it was seen as appropriate to leave the debt on the property rather than attach it to the user. I wish the water I purchase this month truly had a benefit in September, but somehow, I don't think it really works that way.

Perhaps I'm sharing a truth that many of you know and understand. For me, this simply can't be right. I understand that most owners are good, honest folks who will take responsibility for their own debts. But for the few who aren't so honest, I guess it's "Buyer beware."

We don't allow the "Buyer beware" attitude to exist in any other facet of commerce, why do we allow it in this instance? My words of advice; now that you are aware, make sure you check this out, no matter where you're buying.

In the end, there was a happy ending to our story. After many conversations, emails and texts, the seller finally did agree to pay the past due amount for the water. As for the trash, and many other repair invoices, we stepped up to the table and paid for them, so the buyer and the contractors involved would not be left holding the bag.

For us, it's better to make things right, by doing the right thing, even when it's not our responsibility. Here's to taking the lead in creating a happy ending.

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A young Betsy Phillips, far right, is seen with her Aunt Della May and her daughter Carolyn.

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independence.

However, they did make a plan with their mother during the COVID-19 restrictions and would order a meal for her at a different restaurant in Fallbrook each Friday night. Betsy would receive their call to advise which Fallbrook restaurant they had chosen for that particular Friday night. She would then drive to that particular restaurant and collect her ordered dinner, and drive home to then enjoy the evening.

Having had an opportunity to speak with both of her children, I shared with them that they are so privileged to have such a compassionate and intelligent mother. Sitting in her presence, one wants to be very alert, as she is up to date on world affairs and can smoothly move from one subject to another with great aplomb.

Betsy has always loved studying. She graduated at the age of 19 from the University of Arkansas. In my article which I wrote for her 100th birthday, I included much about her life growing up, hugely interesting to say the least, and at the end of this article there will be a link for readers to further share in her story.

Betsy taught school for five years before her marriage to John Phillips. Thereafter, she did secretarial work on the various bases during the time John was enlisted in the U.S. Army, with assignments in the States and also

in Frankfurt, Germany where their first child John Jr. (now deceased) was born.

Betsy's daughter, Carolyn Phillips shared, "my Mother is a force of nature. She is intelligent, independent and above all kind. She taught me the joy and importance of nurturing relationships with family and friends. How blessed we are for this wonderfully delightful woman, my beloved Mom." Carolyn said of her brother Dennis, "so glad Dennis is sharing, he has such a wonderful sense of humor."

And yes indeed, Dennis Phillips did share some very insightful comments, as he said, "She was an attentive mom. She let us find our own trouble and figure out how to deal with it."

"She let me tear around the neighborhood on a two wheeler when I was three and when I came home with bruised elbows and skinned knees she was ready with Mercurochrome and a bag of ice."

"When we were older she gave us every opportunity to better ourselves without pushing her own

ambitions on us. I've always been grateful for that."

What wonderful accolades to come from one's children.

I asked Betsy what advice she would like to share with our readers. She said, "Always give people a second chance. There are many dangers and many joys in the path of life. We each have our own path. With God you take your joys and sorrows."

I then asked, what was the most special moment in her life? and she replied without a hesitation, displaying a beautiful smile and a twinkle in her eye, "That was when I first met my husband-to-be, John Phillips. Our life together was a love story."

A very special thank you to Betsy Phillips for allowing me the time to spend with her and for sharing her story. This publication, May 13, 2021 coincides with her blessed 104 year birthday.

Happy Birthday Betsy!  
To read my first interview with Betsy, visit [www.villagenews.com](http://www.villagenews.com) and search for "Betsy Phillips takes 100 years in stride."

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### Pala Band of Mission Indians applauds County of San Diego Board of Supervisors for repealing policies hindering tribal growth

PALA – The Pala Band of Mission Indians applauds the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors for their decision to repeal blanket opposition on fee-to-trust applications and loosen strict liquor license requirements for tribal governments at this morning's board meeting.

"On behalf of the Pala Band of Mission Indians, we thank the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors for supporting this important proposal," said Robert Smith, Chairman of the Pala Band of Mission Indians. "This action is an important step in the right direction."

The decision, which was unanimously approved, will lift barriers and repeal a current policy that has opposed tribal growth since the mid-1990s. The action

also establishes a tribal liaison position to further the government-to-government relationship with each of the region's tribal governments.

"Several tribes throughout San Diego County, including Pala, have responsibly developed casinos and businesses on their reservations, employed thousands of residents with good paying jobs and made significant contributions to the local economy," said Chairman Smith. "Tribal businesses are vital to economic development in our communities and we are committed to working to strengthen and foster strong government-to-government relationships throughout the region and the state."

*Submitted by Pala Band of Mission Indians.*



## From teacher to associate principal, long-time elementary leader retiring



Bill Billingsley, Associate Superintendent for Human Resources and Communications at the Fallbrook Union Elementary School District, is retiring after 17 years in the FUESD school district.

**Rick Monroe**  
Special to Village News

Bill Billingsley may live in Carlsbad and not Fallbrook, but he's certainly found a few "homes" here with multiple positions with the Fallbrook Union Elementary School District.

In his 17 years with the district, he's moved from being a fourth grade teacher to middle school teacher to assistant principal and principal – all at San Onofre Elementary School – to director of student services at the district office in 2012.

Since 2014, he has been Associate Superintendent for Human Resources and Communications.

Billingsley is retiring in June, which is also when his wife retires from being a second grade teacher in Carlsbad.

"I am so blessed to be completing my 17th year with this amazing district," he said

The educator said he's going to remain busy.

"I teach in the graduate school of education at Cal State San Marcos and will be consulting with other school districts, travel, family time, playing drums in my band, Written in the Stars," he said.

When asked what his most challenging job in Fallbrook is with the district, he replied, "Helping lead FUESD through the pandemic; keeping students, staff, and families as safe as possible while helping to assure as many students receive in person instruction, early on, which we know is best for learning and

social/emotional student welfare."

As for his most rewarding position, he said, "Meeting, interviewing, hiring and working to retain all the amazing classified and certificated staff who make our district so amazing. That includes hiring brand new staff members, then watching them learn and grow into polished professionals is such a constant joy."

"I love this district and really never considered serving elsewhere," he noted. "The consistent leadership under Dr. (Candace) Singh's direction, and all the amazing co-workers I have the pleasure to lead beside and work with are incredibly special to me."

Billingsley said he has been asked and agreed to serve with several Fallbrook organizations as a volunteer to give back to "this amazing, tightly knit community."

The district has hired Brian Morris as Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources effective in June. Morris has served as Director of Human Resources at the Poway Unified School District. In this position he supervises all human resources and worker's compensation duties for Poway's 29 schools, including elementary, middle, and high schools.

Prior to his service in Poway, Morris served as Director of Human Resources at Santa Paula Unified School District, and before that he served as both a secondary principal and then Director of Special Education for Perris Union High School District.

Additionally Mr. Morris has extensive experience leading bargaining and negotiations with both classified and certificated associations. He comes with the highest recommendations from prior supervisors, peers, and those he has supervised.

"Brian is a polished professional who will do great things here in Fallbrook," Billingsley said. "My advice would be to adhere to the FUESD Human Resources core values jointly developed by the newly assembled HR team seven years ago (one of the first things we did as a team). Those values are compassion, respect, empathy. Those simple but powerful three words have helped guide our team's service to the staff, students, and families here in Fallbrook."

There will be a strategic overlap plan to ensure transition is successful, Billingsley said.

When asked if it was difficult to interview someone to be his replacement, Billingsley replied, "The whole process has been a bit surreal, but we are doing everything possible to ensure Brian's success."

## Golfers putt for charity



Golfers gather at Pala Mesa Resort for a day of golf at the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce Avocado Open charity golf tournament, May 7.



Golfers participate in a putting contest benefiting the Fallbrook Land Conservancy during the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce Avocado Open.



## Fallbrook's GOT Publishing Inc. reaches milestone



Arlene Yates of Arlene Yates Production is seen in her recent video "Strong Survivor" on YouTube.

FALLBROOK—GOT Publishing Inc. celebrated its first board meeting April 24. GOT Publishing Inc. is a nonprofit organization providing free reading programs to underprivileged children around the world. Its website is www.freereadingprogram.online.

Karen Langer, Jack Kovic, and Dawn Fitzpatrick are the chair, treasurer, and secretary of the organization. Arlene Yates of Arlene Yates Productions is providing the bulk of the program's content. "We see this organization eventually morphing into a modern-day 'Sesame Street.' The difference being our more aggressive approach to helping children get a great start with reading," Yates commented.

Yates and Kovic worked together previously developing children's content for YouTube. Kovic also sold reading programs throughout the United States while running Jack's Music in downtown Fallbrook. Yates has also worked as a children's entertainer throughout the local school districts.

Both Yates and Kovic come from interesting backgrounds. Yates' father was the world-famous boxer Joey Barnum, and Kovic is the younger brother of the writer, Ron Kovic.

"At this point, our program is

available online, and anyone can use it," Kovic explained. He also noted, "We are waiting for our 501c3 application approval from the IRS. We anticipate completing the approval process by this September, and then we can start accepting donations."

While waiting for the final IRS approval, Got Publishing Inc. developed its online reading program website. The website provides alphabet practice, phonics exercises, comprehension quizzes, and dozens of phonics readers to help children start reading independently. Parents also can engage their preschool children with several picture books. All the reading material on the website is also available through Amazon by searching for "Arlene Yates."

GOT Publishing Inc. has been approached by the movie producer, director, writer Johnathon Jay Piumelli to collaborate on the video content portion of the reading program's site. Also, Piumelli has teamed up with puppet/ventriloquist Keven Johnson to add fun and excitement to the learning experience. The illustrations for Yates' books were created by Fallbrook's Bret Stokes and Emily Banghart.

Piumelli concluded, "The free reading program being provided



[above] Jake Keeslar putts in a contest benefiting the Fallbrook Land Conservancy during the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce Avocado Open.

[left] Golfers participate in a putting contest benefiting the Fallbrook Land Conservancy during the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce Avocado Open.

## Three suspects arrested after May 3 incident

**Rick Monroe**  
Special to Village News

Three men were arrested Tuesday, May 3, in the 700 block of Darla Lane in Fallbrook. They were taken into custody and booked at the Vista Detention Center, then released, according to a San Diego Sheriff's Department spokesman.

There were not a lot of details according to the source. At 4:54 p.m., deputies were called to an incident in Pala where a 14-year-

old boy said he was targeted and intentionally struck in his off-road vehicle by three men, possibly gang members.

At 7:42 p.m., the vehicle was stopped in Fallbrook on Darla Lane, near De Luz. The spokesman said deputies obtained a warrant and retrieved a rifle and unregistered handgun in the vehicle.

The men arrested were Habraham Blancos, 21; Angel Bernardino, 24, and Raul Blancos, 24.

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A page from Yates' picture book "The Land of Tea" reads "Can we use some of the things in your closet?" Hanna asked her mom.

for underprivileged children strikes a deep spot in my heart. When people can start donating to GOT Publishing Inc. next tax season, we will take this spark and light a torch. A large population of our children never get the reading help they need. We intend to turn on all the lights, pull out all the stops, and create great children's content that makes kids love reading."

Submitted by GOT Publishing Inc.



## Bonsall Sponsor Group tables Willow Tree enrichment center until June 1 meeting

**Joe Naiman**  
Village News Reporter

The Bonsall Community Sponsor Group tabled a possible recommendation on the proposed Willow Tree academic enrichment center.

Concerns about the size of the proposed buildings and about increasing traffic congestion including if an evacuation is necessary caused the sponsor group to delay a decision until at least the June 1 meeting. The item was tabled without a sponsor group vote.

“It’s a balance between the learning environment and the neighborhood environment,” said Bonsall Sponsor Group Chair Steve Norris. “I am personally concerned with the overall bulk and scale.”

An entity called Friends of Willow Tree has submitted an application to the county for a Major Use Permit to build a school in the 6800 block of West Lilac Road. The school would encompass 6.41 acres of a 14-acre site just west of Sullivan Middle School. “The rest of it we want to leave open,” said Friends of Willow Tree Director Bethany Chaffin.

The campus would educate students from transitional kindergarten through eighth grade. The application specifies a maximum of 216 students, and nine buildings totaling 41,000 square feet would be constructed. The school grounds would also have 85 parking stalls.

The sponsor group was asked to review the application for completeness and adequacy of the project description and voted 6-0 Feb. 1 to defer a recommendation pending receipt of additional information. On March 1, the sponsor group voted unanimously to defer a recommendation for a Major Use Permit until a traffic study can be provided and until input from the Bonsall Unified School District addresses traffic coordination between the public schools and Willow Tree. The April 6 meeting was cancelled due to the lack of a quorum.

Willow Tree is neither a charter school nor a private school. Chaffin notes that Willow Tree is an enrichment center which works with eight different charter schools and with homeschooling parents. “We don’t have an overarching charter telling us what we have to do for another school,” she said.

The class size would be approximately 14 students, although 24 students would be enrolled in each of the nine class grades. “Our whole program is the same size as typically one grade at a typical elementary school,” said Chaffin, who taught in the Escondido Union Elementary School District before becoming part of the Willow Tree staff.

Most of the instruction involves the students being at remote locations rather than on the school site. About 40% of the Willow Tree students are from military families. “We need to be able to have those kiddos stay with our program,” Chaffin said.

Performing and vocational arts instruction and physical education would take place at the school. The Bonsall campus would include a two-story building 30 feet tall. Half of the space would be used for a theater encompassing both stories, one-quarter of the facility would be a library on the second story, and one-quarter of the building would have a kitchen area.

“It just seems like an awfully large building that’s close to the road,” said Bonsall Planning Group Member Dawn Apsley.

The approximate student to instructor ratio at Willow Tree is 2:1. “They want a lot of that personalized instruction,” Chaffin said. “One of our main tenets is that we have small class sizes.”

Willow Tree was initially Pathways Academy and was chartered by the Bonsall Unified School District. “We’re not really competing against them,” Chaffin said.

A change in state law required a charter school to be within the geographical area of the district which approved the charter, so Pathways Academy became the independent Willow Tree enrichment center. “I saw that there was really a niche for this kind of program,” Chaffin said.

Initially Willow Tree was located at the former St. Stephen’s church on East Mission Road but, when the Fallbrook Regional Health District

took over that facility, Willow Tree relocated and the school is currently using the Living Waters church building. “We’ve reached capacity and have waiting lists for each of our grades,” Chaffin said.

Willow Tree had 134 students during 2019-20.

The proximity to Rawhide Ranch made the West Lilac Road site ideal for Willow Tree. That would also place Willow Tree near Sullivan Middle School, which currently is also the site of Bonsall High School. “I hope to work with and be a good neighbor to them,” Chaffin said.

“It sounds very well thought out. It just seems to be very close to the road,” Apsley said.

For Sullivan faculty, the problem is the vehicles from school traffic being on the road. Julie Anguiano has taught at Sullivan Middle School for 15 years. “If anything we should be looking at ways to remove traffic,” she said.

Any Sullivan Middle School or Bonsall High School teacher who has taught there for at least four years experienced the evacuation during the December 2017 Lilac Fire. “Having a third school would be detrimental to the safety of students and staff members,” Anguiano said.

“People have real world experience during an evacuation, and it didn’t go well,” Norris said. “It is a concern, and it’s a concern being echoed by members of the community.”

Larissa Anderson is a member of the Bonsall Sponsor Group, and she is also the president of the Bonsall Unified School District board. “We have a lot of concerns already,” she said. “I just have extreme concerns as a board member of a school district that’s getting complaints.”

Chaffin desires that Willow Tree and the Bonsall Unified School District work together to stagger starting times. “We are very flexible in adjusting our start time,” she said.

The educational model itself likely reduces the possibility of all Willow Tree students being transported at once. “The students are not all arriving at the same time and they’re also not departing at the same time,” Chaffin said.

Students would be on campus Monday through Thursday and would be homeschooled on Friday. The planned student hours for the four on-campus days are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The anticipated hours for faculty and other staff are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The 216 students who normally would not be on campus at the same time would be complemented by 16 staff members for a total of 232 occupants.

Willow Tree plans three after-hours events. The annual Autumn Soiree would take place in November either at the school or at a local winery. The Autumn Soiree would be an adults-only event with an anticipated ending time of 9 p.m. The fall Lantern Festival and Winter Spiral would be for all ages and have a 6:30 p.m. ending time, and the Art and Garden Festival in May would also be for all ages and end by 6:30 p.m.

The county’s Planning Commission can approve a Major Use Permit in the absence of a rezone or general plan amendment, and a Major Use Permit decision can be appealed to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors. The Planning Commission may place conditions on a Major Use Permit including occupancy limits and a prohibition against renting facilities to outside groups.

Circle areas and the possibility of a health order requiring six feet of separation between each student has led to the design of classrooms larger than what might be considered normal for the number of students. Other than the two-story building and the kindergarten room, each of the other seven classrooms would be 3,797 square feet. That could accommodate 800 to 1,000 students, so a condition on the Major Use Permit would prevent any school on that site from expanding to that enrollment in the future.

Apsley also took issue with the traffic study which indicated that 15% of the students would be using Camino Del Cielo. “There is a private gate,” she said. “They won’t be able to use that road. They’ll have to use another road.”

A representative from the county’s Department of Public Works is expected to address questions and other concerns during the June 1 sponsor group meeting.

## Supervisors approve grant for cannabis social equity

**Joe Naiman**  
Village News Reporter

In the event the state’s Office of Business and Economic Development approves the County of San Diego’s application for a Cannabis Equity Act grant, the county’s Office of Equity and Racial Justice is now authorized to accept it.

A 4-1 San Diego County Board of Supervisors vote May 5, with Jim Desmond opposed, authorized the OERJ director or designee to conduct all negotiations, submit all necessary documents, and execute grant agreements for the proposed \$75,000 grant.

The county will use the grant funding to help pay for a study to review and analyze local historical rates of arrests and convictions for cannabis law violations, identify the impacts that the ban on cannabis has had on local communities, and determine how the population has negatively been impacted by the “War on Drugs”.

A 4-1 Board of Supervisors vote Jan. 27, with Desmond opposed,

directed the development of a more lenient ordinance for the zoning of marijuana cultivation and sales in unincorporated San Diego County. The supervisors’ action also called for creation of a “social equity” program which gives individuals with past cannabis arrests and those in “disproportionately impacted areas” greater opportunities to secure an operating permit and directed county staff to seek grant funding to implement the social equity program.

A March 3 Board of Supervisors action directed OERJ to lead the development of the framework and strategy needed to implement a social equity program for the new ordinance, including grant funding options, and to coordinate the social equity program with the land use permitting system which will be developed by the county’s Department of Planning and Development Services.

The November 2016 election included the passage of Proposition 64 which legalized recreational marijuana in California. That

measure calls for regulating cannabis in a way which reduces barriers to entry into the legal and regulated market. The California Bureau of Cannabis Control and the Office of Business and Economic Development entered into an interagency agreement to administer the Cannabis Equity Grants Program for local jurisdictions.

“I’m glad we will be able to receive these resources,” said Board of Supervisors Chair Nathan Fletcher.

The county will also use the grant funding, along with other sources of revenue for the cost of the study, to conduct community outreach, assess best practices, and work with local stakeholders.

The costs not covered by the grant are currently unknown, although the Jan. 27 action included appropriating \$485,000 to cover county staff time and consultant services to develop the ordinance and up to \$215,000 of Land Use and Environment executive office funds are available to develop the social equity program.

## Eastern can meet water supply needs of Fallbrook and Rainbow, according to preliminary report

FALLBROOK – Leaders from the Fallbrook and Rainbow water districts say a preliminary independent report released this week indicates what they’ve been saying all along – that the Eastern Municipal Water District can meet their water supply needs if their proposals to switch to Eastern are approved.

The report also indicates that in a worst-case scenario, both Eastern and the San Diego County Water Authority, which Fallbrook and Rainbow are seeking to leave, would rely on imported supplemental water from the Metropolitan Water District.

“By purchasing our water from Eastern instead of the Water Authority, not only would our customers save money, they can count on a reliable supply of water well into the future,” said Jack Bebee, general manager of the Fallbrook Public Utility District.

“An affordable and reliable supply of water is critical to our customers, especially our agricultural community,” said Tom Kennedy, general manager of the Rainbow Municipal Water District. “The report confirmed what we’ve known all along – that Eastern has the wherewithal to supply our districts with the water we need.”

The report was conducted for the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission, or LAFCO, which is tasked with determining boundary issues, and will ultimately vote on whether

FPUD and Rainbow can change water wholesalers.

Instead of continuing to purchase their water from the County Water Authority – which has raised water costs on the districts by an average of 8% each year over the past decade – the districts have submitted applications to LAFCO to become wholesale water customers of Eastern. If the applications are approved, ratepayers in Fallbrook and Rainbow would see their water costs reduced by \$7-10 million a year.

Eastern, which was established in 1950, provides water to more than 850,000 people living and working in Riverside County. It supplies water to the cities of Temecula, Murrieta, Perris, Menifee and several other cities and unincorporated communities. To further bolster water reliability in Fallbrook, FPUD is set to open a new water treatment facility this summer, which will provide the community with its first local water supply. The Santa Margarita River Project, as it is known, will generate 50% of the district’s water supply by year’s end. The facility will reduce the district’s reliance on imported water, and the water produced there will be less expensive than water purchased elsewhere.

According to a study last year by London Moeder Advisors, FPUD and Rainbow have overpaid nearly \$50 million to the Water Authority over the past 10 years

when compared to the benefits they have received.

The study also concluded that if FPUD and Rainbow were to change water wholesalers, the financial impact on the remaining county ratepayers would be minimal – about 50 cents per month per water meter. This amount pales in comparison to the financial impact of other local supply projects that are about to come on-line, including ones in San Diego, Oceanside, and the Padre Dam/Helix Water District.

LAFCO, which is governed by local appointed and elected officials, is expected to vote on the applications later this year. If approved, FPUD and Rainbow voters would have the final say in an election held in each of the two districts’ service areas.

In addition to saving FPUD and Rainbow ratepayers millions of dollars a year, the move to Eastern would also protect those ratepayers from paying for costs related to the Water Authority’s controversial and unnecessary \$5 billion, 130-mile pipeline and canal project known as the Regional Conveyance System. The proposed project is opposed by 18 of the county’s 24 water districts because of its exorbitant cost and the fact that it would not deliver any new water to San Diego County.

*Submitted by Fallbrook Public Utility District and Rainbow Municipal Water District.*

## CHIEF

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Service Executive Development Institute through the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

Abbott has been the NCFPD Fire Chief since 2015. “We are excited to have the caliber and depth of candidates to promote from within the organization, and I’m looking forward to working with him and his new leadership team through the transition period and handing the reins to him at the end of July,” Abbott said.

McReynolds is excited for the future of the District saying, “as Fire Chief I will lead the men and women of this outstanding organization as we strive to meet our communities’ expectations of excellence in emergency services

and public safety. I look forward to working in partnership with our personnel, our Board of Directors, and the growing communities we serve.”

As the community begins to transition out of the pandemic, McReynolds had this to say, “While there are many projects that I am excited to start once becoming Fire Chief, I am especially looking forward to safely getting back out into our community, reopening

our fire stations to the public, and ensuring our community members are well-informed and prepared for wildfire.”

McReynolds lives in Fallbrook with his wife of 27 years and two sons, both graduates of Fallbrook High School. McReynolds is a member of the Rotary Club of Bonsall and will serve as club president beginning July 1.

*Submitted by North County Fire Protection District.*

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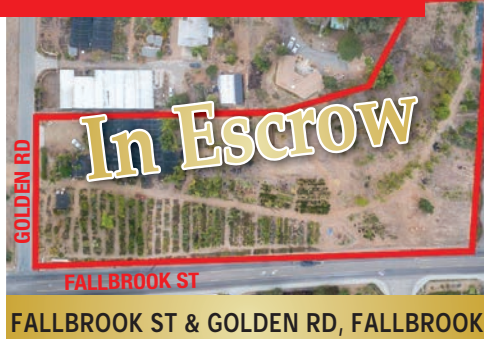
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## Warriors split first two boys water polo games

**Joe Naiman**  
Village News Reporter

Fallbrook High School's boys water polo team began play April 29, and the Warriors split their first two games.

The official score of Fallbrook's April 29 home win against Rancho Buena Vista was 5-0 since that is the official score of a forfeited game. RBV only had six players and had to forfeit, but Fallbrook coach Bill Richardson and RBV coach Kim Hockett arranged to have a full game with Fallbrook loaning a handful of players to the Longhorns. The unofficial game ended with a 22-6 score with some of the Fallbrook players on loan scoring some of the RBV goals. Mission Hills traveled to the Fallbrook pool April 30 and returned home with a 12-7 victory.

Fallbrook has 21 boys and has both a varsity and a junior varsity squad. "I have a light JV schedule because some of the teams are not able to field two levels," Richardson said.

Thirteen of the Fallbrook players practice with the varsity, although some of those participate in JV games when the opponent has two squads. None of the Warriors are seniors this season.

The first day of water polo practice was April 19. The water polo players who qualified for the April 24 CIF swim meet practiced water polo rather than swimming that week. Fallbrook had eight practices prior to the April 29 season opener.

The unofficial game against Rancho Buena Vista provided additional practice. "We played a game by giving them players," Richardson said.

Four Fallbrook players were loaned to the Longhorns for that game. Three of them practice with the varsity but would have played in a junior varsity game had the Longhorns been able to field two teams. The other player,

junior Doug Pearce, played for Fallbrook in the first half and RBV in the second half. "We gave Doug to them, which created a better challenge for our guys to stop him," Richardson said.

Pearce, junior Kai Maestas, and junior Matt Herbert are the Warriors' three returning starters from the 2019-20 season. Maestas scored six goals against RBV, as did sophomore Ian Ritchie. Herbert is Fallbrook's goalkeeper and made five saves in three quarters before being positioned in the field for the fourth period with sophomore Brayden Bender going from the field to the netminder position. Fallbrook had 16 steals as a team with sophomore Jono Nelson recording six of those.

"It was a good start to see where we're at," Richardson said. "We found that we had some areas to work on."

Having a game the following day didn't give the Warriors too much time to focus on those desired improvements before facing the Grizzlies. Mission Hills ended the first quarter with a 2-1 lead and never trailed. "I think we were maybe a little bit overwhelmed. They definitely have been playing together," Richardson said.

Richardson noted that many of the Mission Hills water polo players participated in club activity (Fallbrook also has club water polo players, but the Fallbrook High School pool was closed) and that many of the Grizzlies' water polo players are not swimmers. Richardson also cited the presence of seniors on the Mission Hills squad. "They're an older team," he said.

Fallbrook is in Division II for CIF playoff purposes. Mission Hills is in Division I.

"The game could have been a little closer. We were hesitant in some of our passes," Richardson said. "It showed us what we need to work on."



Fallbrook Warrior Tegan Cannon looks to make a pass to a teammate against Escondido during the varsity boys water polo game, May 7.

Village News/Shane Gibson photos



Warrior Ian Ritchie prepares to make a shot attempt against Escondido.



Warrior Sam Grantham brings the ball into scoring position against Escondido.



An Escondido shot gets past Warrior goalkeeper Matt Herbert.



Warrior Brayden Bender takes a shot attempt against Escondido.



Warrior Doug Pearce searches for an opening for a shot against Escondido.



Warrior Kai Maestas makes a pass to a teammate against Escondido.



# HEALTH

## SD County likely to stay in Orange Tier till mid-June

### City News Service

San Diego County Supervisor Nathan Fletcher is “not optimistic” the county will graduate into the least-restrictive of the state’s Blueprint for a Safer Economy tiers before June 15, the date Gov. Gavin Newsom has set to lift remaining restrictions set up to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The county is in the orange tier of the color-coded system due to an adjusted case rate of five new daily cases per 100,000 people. That is a significant improvement over the week before, when that adjusted case rate was 6.2, but it remains well above the fewer-than-two daily cases needed to move into the yellow tier – the reopening plan’s least restrictive – and allow for essentially all businesses to reopen.

Los Angeles and San Francisco counties transitioned into the yellow tier Tuesday, May 4.

To advance, San Diego County would have to report statistics in the yellow tier for two consecutive weeks. Due to the delayed nature of the pandemic and how data is reported, that is unlikely – but not impossible – to happen. The state reports data on counties on Tuesdays.

County public health officials

reported 226 new COVID-19 cases Thursday, May 6, increasing the county’s cumulative total to 277,323 cases. The county leaders did not report any new deaths at a news conference May 6, and that count was 3,716 deaths as of May 5.

Of 15,412 tests reported May 5, 1% returned positive. The 14-day rolling average percentage of positive cases is 1.4%.

The county has received 3,445,425 doses of coronavirus vaccines – 254,960 this week alone. That is 61,000 fewer than the week previous.

A total of 1,692,336 people have received one dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, 83.9% of the way toward reaching the county’s goal of vaccinating 75% of San Diego County residents 16 and older, or 2,017,011 people.

A total of 1,194,000 – or 59.2% of the county’s goal – of the 16-or-older age cohort are fully inoculated with either two doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or the single-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

These numbers now include the Department of Defense and Veterans Affairs data, which Fletcher said will be updated every two weeks.

Dr. Wilma Wooten, the county



public health officer, said May 6 she was encouraged that the county’s 16-19 age group is already nearly a third vaccinated – particularly because that group wasn’t even eligible until the state opened vaccines to everyone 16 or older April 15.

Rotating pop-up vaccination clinics began last week at high-traffic areas such as community centers, churches and colleges. A full list of county-run vaccination sites can be found at [www.coronavirus-sd.com/vaccine](http://www.coronavirus-sd.com/vaccine).

Three COVID-19 vaccination sites in north, east and south San Diego County will remain open until the evening, as part of a county effort to make vaccinations more accessible and convenient.

The three clinics will administer Pfizer and Moderna vaccines to people with and without appointments. People are welcome to drop in for a first dose or second dose, even if the first dose was received elsewhere.

The sites offering doses from 1 to 8 p.m. will be:

- Oceanside: Sunday to Thursday at North Coastal Live Well Health Center, 1701 Mission Ave.;
- Chula Vista: Sunday to Thursday at South Region Live Well Center at Chula Vista, 690 Oxford St.; and
- El Cajon: Tuesday to Saturday at East Public Health Center, 367 N. Magnolia Ave.

## Probation officers save life of local man with overdose antidote

### Donnie Ryan

County of San Diego  
Communications Office

SAN DIEGO – A group of San Diego County probation officers helped to save a life last week during a routine home visit, administering two doses of the drug naloxone to a 38-year-old local man who was suffering from a suspected opioid overdose.

Both opioid abuse and opioid-related drug overdoses have been steadily on the rise in the county for the past few years, including a growing trend of fentanyl-laced methamphetamine, heroin, ecstasy, and other recreational drugs

identified by law enforcement.

Denise Huffhines, Deputy Chief of Adult Reintegration and Community Supervision services, said all field service officers have been carrying naloxone since 2019 and receive regular training on its proper use, but this is the first time one of their officers has administered it to save a life.

“Our officers were conducting a home visit on a client who had recently tested positive for methamphetamine,” said Huffhines. “During the contact, the client began to show signs of being under the influence and suddenly became unconscious.”

Huffhines said officers requested medical assistance and tried to

wake the client who was not responding. Suspecting that the client was overdosing, she said officers administered one dose of Narcan (naloxone) and the client briefly responded before becoming unconscious again.

“Our officers administered a second dose of Narcan, and the client subsequently responded and became alert,” said Huffhines. “The client was then transported to a local hospital by paramedics.”

Huffhines said during a subsequent search of the client’s possessions, a replica handgun, stun-device, pills and drug paraphernalia were found. While no fentanyl was found at the location, officers said they

suspected that the overdose may have been related to pills found in the client’s possession.

Liza Enjambre, a supervising probation officer with the county, was the senior officer on the scene during the incident. She credited the entire team of officers and an additional training unit that just happened to be with them that night for being able to handle the situation.

“They knew exactly what to do in this type of situation to help save a life,” said Enjambre. “This included administering the drug and keeping the man awake and alert until medical assistance arrived on the scene.”

Enjambre said probation officers having access to naloxone and knowing how to administer it is important due to the recent rise in people struggling with opioid addiction and the presence of fentanyl in many street drugs.

“We went through this training initially over two years ago,” said Enjambre. “In my job, I always do mental rehearsals and I knew that one day I would have to use it. The training helped tremendously for both me and my team.”

While this was the first time probation officers have administered naloxone since the policy was implemented in 2018 and grant funding made the drug available to the department in 2019, the San Diego Sheriff’s Department first began carrying the drug in 2014. Deputies in the Law Enforcement Services Bureau used it a total of 47 times in 2020. Detention Bureau deputies also used naloxone an additional 75 times, making the department’s total reported use at 122 incidents for 2020.

Ruben Leyva, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, said he was encouraged to see officers have success with a tool that aids their ability to serve vulnerable populations who may be struggling with addiction.

“Oftentimes unseen, our officers continually do great work in support of our clients and the community,” said Leyva. “As law enforcement personnel who often come into contact with people at risk for opioid overdoses, having naloxone readily available and knowing how to use it can help save lives.”



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## May is CalFresh Awareness month

SAN DIEGO – The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency is joining the California Department of Social Services and local community partners to spread the word: May is CalFresh Awareness Month. Over a year into the global COVID-19 pandemic, many individuals and families across the region are experiencing a need for supplemental nutrition assistance.

CalFresh plays a critical role in filling that need. CalFresh is a supplemental nutrition program for families and individuals who meet certain income guidelines. The program is designed to reduce

food insecurity and increase food budgets to improve participant’s access to fresh and healthy food.

During the month of May, HHSA and community partners are working together to spread the message and increase awareness about CalFresh.

Residents can apply for CalFresh online at [GetCalFresh.org](http://GetCalFresh.org) and [MyBenefitsCalWIN.org](http://MyBenefitsCalWIN.org), or by calling 2-1-1 San Diego. For more information about CalFresh, visit [https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/ssp/food\\_stamps.html](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/ssp/food_stamps.html).

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# Why is yoga even more important for you now?

**Mary Baker**  
Special to the Village News

The year 2020 will go down in the history books as one of the most stressful and devastating we have experienced in our lifetimes. In whatever way you personally coped with the pandemic, unless you completely hid underneath a rock, your life was impacted – perhaps physically, mentally, emotionally, financially, or any combination of these.

As we prepare to reemerge into our post-pandemic lives, having wellness practices as part of our daily routine is extremely important. Both yoga and mindfulness practices have been scientifically proven to improve our overall well being. These practices are especially important in the reduction of stress and anxiety – something we are all way too familiar with thanks to COVID-19.

This list of nine benefits of practicing yoga comes from John Hopkins Medicine:

- Yoga improves strength, balance and flexibility.
- Yoga helps with back pain relief.
- Yoga can ease arthritis symptoms.
- Yoga benefits heart health.
- Yoga relaxes you, to help you sleep better.
- Yoga can mean more energy and brighter moods.

- Yoga helps you manage stress.
- Yoga connects you with a supportive community.

Additionally, yoga breathing in particular is incredibly beneficial for the body and mind. The entire practice of yoga and mindfulness focuses on using the breath to create a state of peace and calm. Long, slow breaths trigger the parasympathetic nervous system, also known as our relaxation response.

By learning to properly use the diaphragm for deeper breathing along with keeping the rib muscles, called the intercostals, supple and flexible, we can have a direct impact on our overall health and stress levels simply by breathing well.

The Be Well Therapy Yoga for Cancer Recovery Program utilizes the practices of yoga, mindfulness, and breathing to benefit the lives of individuals living with a cancer diagnosis. Our classes are specifically designed with the cancer patient’s very specific needs in mind.

We are very proud to partner with the Fallbrook Regional Health District and Sage Yoga Studios, to bring our program to the greater Fallbrook and Bonsall community free-of-charge. During the pandemic, our program has been online via Zoom offering 11-weekly classes.

Starting June 1, we are bringing



Both yoga and mindfulness practices help to improve one’s overall well being.

Village News/Courtesy photo

a few select classes back to our sponsoring studios. Sage Yoga Bonsall will be hosting a Monday 1:30 p.m. weekly class for us led by one of our Be Well-trained teachers. We will continue to offer several of our classes online to accommodate those unable to attend public class.

If you, or someone you know, is living with cancer and seeking

a safe and accessible way to add more wellness into your life, check out our program details at [www.bewelltherapy.net](http://www.bewelltherapy.net).

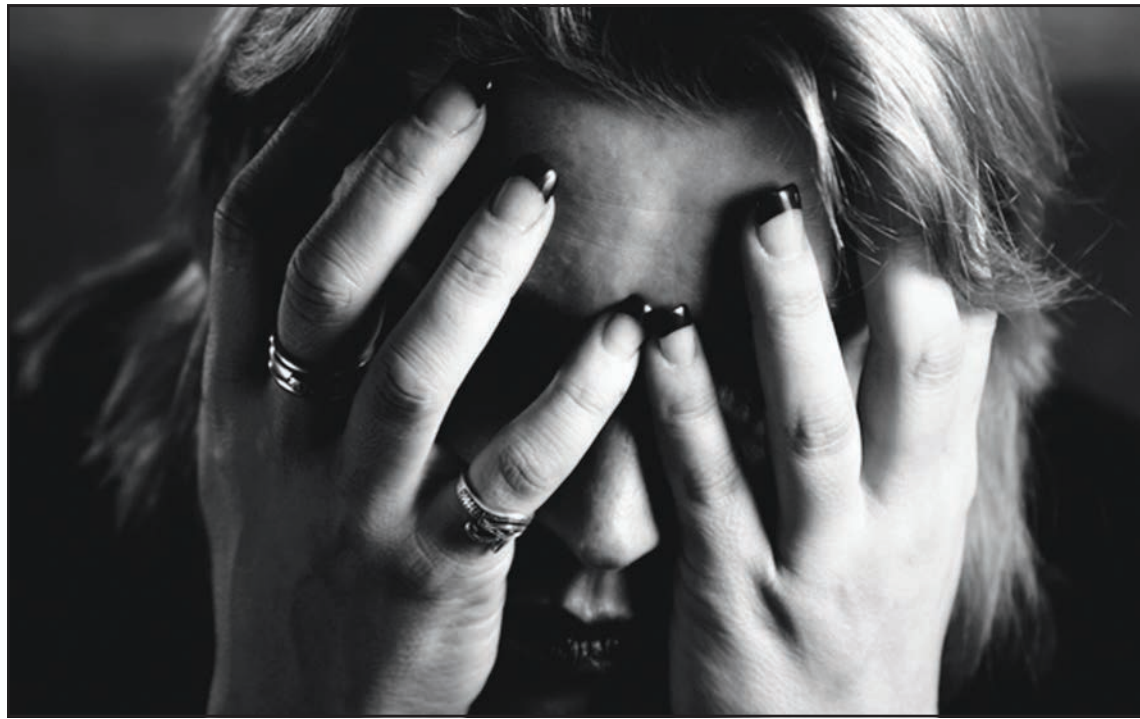
Whether or not your life has been impacted by cancer, it certainly has been impacted by COVID-19 and the past year’s events. If you are seeking to begin a yoga practice, but aren’t sure how, Sage Yoga Studios hosts a variety of classes

and special events suitable for all levels. Find their information at [www.sageyogastudios.com](http://www.sageyogastudios.com).

As you find your “new normal” we encourage you to remember to add simple and easy to stick to wellness activities to your daily routine.

Mary Baker is a co-founder of Be Well Therapy, Inc.

## Mental Health Month: How to help reduce stigma



**José A. Álvarez**  
County of San Diego  
Communications Office

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed our lives in countless ways and tested our collective resilience. Incidents of hate and racism directed at members of our communities have further compounded these impacts.

“Over the course of the pandemic, many of us have faced challenges and situations that have brought on strong emotions and impacted our mental health and well-being,” said Dr. Luke Bergmann, director of the County of San Diego’s Behavioral Health Services.

“This includes feelings of isolation, disconnection, anxiety and depression. The availability of vaccines gives us hope for an end to the COVID-19 pandemic,

but the work of addressing the long-term impact on behavioral health requires sustained attention, resources, and prioritization for our community to fully recover,” Bergmann said.

Since 1949, people in the United States have observed May as Mental Health Month, which provides an opportunity to promote community awareness of mental health through conversations that reduce the longstanding stigma around seeking help.

Along with being a time to improve our collective understanding, it offers an opportunity to reflect on individuals in our community who are currently struggling, who are recovering, and who are disproportionately impacted. It is a time to celebrate all who are working to improve lives, sharing their own journeys, and breaking

down barriers to create access, equity and safe spaces for all.

May is Mental Health Month 2021 brings San Diegans a unique opportunity to participate and engage in a virtual format. With COVID-19 prevention measures still in place, events will continue to be virtual, displays will be personalized, and activities will meet you where you are. You can see what is planned by the County of San Diego and many of its partners here, <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/hhsa/programs/bhs/pce/calendar.pdf>.

Throughout the month of May, all San Diegans are asked to join the mental health community in raising awareness, reducing stigma and reaffirming the community’s commitment to self-care and support for each other.

## Inter Valley Health Plan offers free virtual community health education and wellness classes

Due to the COVID19 pandemic, Inter Valley Health Plan is offering their free Vitality Series classes online. An RSVP is required to get the log in information. To RSVP call (800) 886-4471 (TTY 711) weekdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or visit [www.ivhp.com/vitality](http://www.ivhp.com/vitality). Classes are subject to change, please visit their website for up-to-date information.

**Tuesday, May 18, 11 a.m.**  
Caregiver Support: Time Management

Does it seem like you cannot get everything done in a day? Darlene Merkler, of Caregiver Resources, teaches tips and tricks to making your time more productive and how to get more things done. This class is good for anyone who wants to manage their time and especially for those caring for loved ones and need a little bit of help doing it.

**Tuesday, May 18, 1-3 p.m.**  
What is a Stroke? What you Need to Know

Early recognition and treatment may mean better recovery for you or a loved one. Learn about the different types of strokes, prevention, treatments and recovery. Learn what you need to know before it happens to you or a loved one.

**Wednesday, May 19, 11 a.m.**  
Caregiver Support: Discussing Dementia with a Loved One

Experiencing changes in memory, thinking and behavior could be signs of dementia. An Alzheimer’s Association representative provides tips and strategies how to broach the difficult conversation about changes that may be related to dementia.

**Wednesday, May 19, Noon to 2 p.m.**

Safety Tips to Keep you Safe  
Class covers safety tips how to keep yourself and your loved ones safe from accidents/ injury in and around the home.

**Thursday, May 20, 11 a.m.**  
Learn to Paint Spring Flowers Class

Instructor Elizabeth Preston, MA, will teach easy painting techniques so you can create a beautiful acrylic spring flower painting. All levels

of experience welcome. A supply list provided.

**Friday, May 21, 10 a.m. to noon**  
Friday Fitness Class (meets every Friday)

Exercise can reduce stress and weight, build stronger bones, improve our brain health and quality of life. Meet every week to learn new exercises and ideas to keep us healthy and well. Join in at any time and invite people you care about.

**Tuesday, May 25, 10 a.m. to noon**

Memory: Unraveling the Mystery  
Discussion includes the types of memory loss and dementia, types of treatments and caregiver tips. Optional sampling of screening tests used for diagnosing memory loss, included.

**Wednesday, May 26, 10 a.m. to noon**

Memory Series: Super Foods for Brain Health  
Learn about the different types of “brain diets” and super foods that may preserve or enhance our brain health.

**Thursday, May 27, 10 a.m. to noon**

Memory Series: Games to Improve Brain Health  
Learn what “Neurobics” and Cognitive Brain Training (CBT) is and how it can improve brain function. Brain games are also available to play if you choose.

**Thursday, May 27, 1-2:30 p.m.**

How Posture Affects Your Health  
Learn about the conditions that may cause bad posture and how bad posture can affects your body and health. Exercises to obtain, maintain or gain a better posture will be offered.

**Friday, May 28, 10 a.m. to noon**  
PM Friday Fitness Class (meets weekly)

Exercise can reduce stress and weight, build stronger bones, improve our brain health and quality of life. Join us every Friday to learn new exercises and ideas to keep healthy and well.

## Support group to learn about clinical trials

FALLBROOK – The North County Parkinson’s Support Group Fallbrook invites anyone who is interested to join their monthly meeting, Friday May 28, 10 a.m. via Zoom.

This meeting is held in support of persons with Parkinson’s disease, care partners and people interested in improving the world of those affected by Parkinson’s disease. There is no cost associated with this Zoom meeting.

Contact Irene at 760-731-0171, [NCPSGF@gmail.com](mailto:NCPSGF@gmail.com) or Caryl at [cbonnell@ucsd.edu](mailto:cbonnell@ucsd.edu) with any questions or concerns about joining a Zoom meeting. Anyone joining as a new attendee to the group can email to request a zoom invite.

This month’s guest speaker is Rachel Schade, M.S., Clinical Research Coordinator, Department of Neurosciences,

Movement Disorders Center, Altman Clinical Research Institute. Her topic is Parkinson’s Research, “Participating in the cure.”

Schade graduated from Pitzer College with a degree in neuroscience and then gained a Master of Science degree in Dementia and Neurodegenerative Disease at the University College London, where her thesis investigated visuoperceptual difficulties in patients with Parkinson’s Disease.

After graduating, she worked at UC Los Angeles as a research coordinator and clinical rater for Alzheimer’s disease trials before transferring to UC San Diego to pursue her interest in working with and learning from patients with movement disorders.

She is beginning her PhD this fall in clinical neuropsychology to pursue a career in clinical research

to continue learning about cognitive changes in patients with Parkinson’s disease at the University of Florida. Schade will be sharing current research studies at UCSD involving Parkinson’s disease and how PWP and their care partners can participate in helping with finding the cure.

For more information concerning current clinical trials, visit <https://clinicaltrials.ucsd.edu/parkinsons-disease>. Find out how to enroll in the newest study, Parkinson’s Progression Markers Initiative and contribute to a more detailed look into the way the disease develops and changes over time at <https://www.michaeljfox.org/news/parkinsons-research-ppmi-clinical-study>.

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SPORTS

# Howley selected to Filipino national youth softball team



Baylee Howley is a catcher for the Fallbrook varsity softball team.

Fallbrook softball player Baylee Howley is chosen to play on the Triple Crown International Challenge Philippines team in June. Village News/Shane Gibson photos

**Joe Naiman**  
Village News Reporter

Baylee Howley is a lifelong Fallbrook resident, but one of her grandfathers was born in the Philippines. That makes Howley eligible for the Filipino national youth softball team, and the Fallbrook High School junior will be on that team during the Triple Crown International

Challenge tournament June 24-30 in Colorado.

"I think it's a big thing for me. I've always wanted to play for something this big," Howley said.

Howley was born at Fallbrook Hospital May 17, 2004. She attended Frazier Elementary School and Potter Junior High School before beginning her Fallbrook High School years.

Lisa Stehle, who is currently

Fallbrook's head softball coach, was an assistant coach in 2019 when Howley made the Warriors' varsity as a freshman. "Her work ethic is really what has pushed her to what she is," Stehle said. "It really has been exciting and fun to watch her grow."

Howley is a catcher for the Warriors. "She's got a wicked arm," Stehle said.

"She's fast, she's strong," Stehle said. "She's got a great bat. She's a good all-around player."

Howley began her softball career with the Fallbrook Girls Softball organization when she was 8. She then played for Oceanside Fast Pitch before beginning travel ball with The Factory, which is based in Rancho Bernardo. She has played travel ball for five years and is currently on the 18-and-under team of the EC Bullets, which also practice in Rancho Bernardo.

Not only was Howley the

Warriors' starting catcher for the 2019 season, but the Valley League coaches placed the then-freshman on the all-league second team. The coronavirus shutdown ended the 2020 season prior to the start of league play, so there were no all-league awards.

The shutdown also curtailed 2020 tournament play. Ten girls who had been selected to the Filipino national youth team were automatically given berths for the 2021 international tournament. Howley learned in March that tryouts for 10 additional berths would be held April 3 in Chino.

"My dad told me that they were going to have a Filipino tryout and he got in touch with the coach," Howley said.

Jennifer Stewart is the coach of the Filipino national youth team.

"They were looking for a catcher at the beginning of tryouts," Howley said.

The tryout session attracted

between 50 and 60 girls seeking those 10 additional roster positions. "I had some good hits during the scrimmage," Howley said.

On April 7, Howley was notified that she had been selected for the team.

"I'm just really excited for her," Stehle said. "She's worked really hard over the last several years to improve her game. She's going to have a significant impact and I know that she has what it takes to be successful in that area."

Howley is one of four players from San Diego County who were selected for the team. Kaili AQUI and Kyra Chan play for Torrey Pines High School and JoJo Hebero is a Mount Carmel High School player. "I've never played with them or against them before," Howley said.

"I'm kind of excited just to play with different girls," Howley said. "It's a different opportunity."

# Fallbrook loses to San Pasqual on softball field



Fallbrook pitcher Claire Hawthorne delivers a pitch to a San Pasqual batter during the varsity softball game, May 5.



Fallbrook's Hazel Rodrigues takes a swing at a San Pasqual pitch.



Lady Warrior batter Berlin Broussard hits the ball past a San Pasqual infielder and heads for 1st base.



Lady Warrior infielder Alexis Perez attempts to tag out a San Pasqual baserunner. Fallbrook lost the varsity softball game, 25-1.



Fallbrook pitcher Kacey Sanchez winds up and delivers a pitch to a San Pasqual batter.



# Lack of wrestlers or preparation responsible for Warriors loss

**Joe Naiman**  
Village News Reporter

Two positive COVID-19 tests wiped out four weeks of practice for the Fallbrook High School wrestling team, and the second quarantine ended the day the Warriors had a meet at San Marcos. The April 29 meet was the first of the season for Fallbrook although not the first scheduled meet, and San Marcos won the Palomar League meet by a 69-9 score.

"I finally got a meet in. It didn't go well, but at least we got a chance to compete," said Fallbrook coach Cristian Vera.

Although the Warriors began wrestling practice in mid-March a positive COVID-19 test resulted in a two-week quarantine. That quarantine ended April 12, and the Warriors practiced that day and the next two days before an April 14 test produced another positive result and another two-week quarantine.

"We haven't had a chance to practice," Vera said.

With three days of practice for all of April and the April 29 dual meet not being preceded by any practice during the previous two weeks, Vera knew that the Warriors would be at a disadvantage. "There was consideration about canceling this dual," he said.

Four of Fallbrook's meets had previously been cancelled. Vera opted for the likely loss. "We just wanted to get a chance to compete while we could, and we went for it," he said.

Vera requested and was granted a later starting time so that the Warriors could have additional warmups. The lack of conditioning was evident in the actual competition. "With all due respect to San Marcos, I think our biggest opponent was just fatigue," Vera said.

Fallbrook only has 12 wrestlers, and some of those competed at the junior varsity level. If a team does not field a wrestler in a weight class, that match is forfeited and the other team receives six team points. A team also receives six team points for a pin, and three points are awarded for a decision. (A major decision with at least

an eight-point margin provides four points, and if a wrestler is ahead by 15 points a technical fall grants five points to his team.) The Warriors only contested eight matches, so San Marcos obtained 36 points on forfeits.

The Knights thus had a 33-9 scoring advantage in the contested matches. "Even the matches that we lost, they were fairly competitive," Vera said. "We don't have a big squad this year, but the guys we have are pretty competitive."

Six of Fallbrook's points were earned by senior Johnny Bermudez who wrestled in the heavyweight class and pinned his opponent in the first minute of the second period. "He had a pretty good match," Vera said.

Frank Greenwood was Fallbrook's 195-pound wrestler, and the senior won by decision. "It got a little close for comfort at the end, but he was able to scrape out the win," Vera said.

Greenwood was part of the 2019-20 team, but a shoulder injury ended his season in December 2019. Bermudez ended his 2019-20 season in the all-division CIF masters tournament and reached the final eight of the 222-pound division.

San Marcos won five matches by pin and one by decision. "At the end of the day San Marcos was the better team that day," Vera said.

Fallbrook won the 2019-20 Valley League championship, and the Warriors were placed in the Palomar League for 2020-21.

"Given the circumstances, I couldn't be happier with the performances," Vera said. "And I'm excited to see what we can do once we have some regular practices under our belt."

The masters tournament determines state tournament qualifiers and, since there will be no state tournament this year, the masters tournament will not take place. The CIF division tournaments will be held May 29.

"My goal for the season, if nothing else, is to try to get these guys as much mat time as possible," Vera said. "It's just about the ability to compete."

# Legionnaires win league basketball opener

**Joe Naiman**  
Village News Reporter

Bonsall High School's basketball team opened Sierra League play April 27 with a 54-30 home win over Chula Vista Learning Community Charter.

The Legionnaires followed that game with a May 1 non-league victory at Del Lago Academy, which gave Bonsall a four-game winning streak and a 6-3 season record.

"We're on a little bit of a roll," said Bonsall coach Chuck Colletti. "We're playing very good team defense and the boys are basically shooting the ball pretty well right now."

The winning streak followed three consecutive losses with the third of those being a 57-45 San Diego Jewish Academy home triumph April 20. "We didn't play the type of defense we've been playing most of the year, and we did not shoot the ball well," Colletti said.

Bonsall's leading scorer, senior Billy Rahman, provided 24 points. An additional seven points were scored by sophomore Isaac Alacantar.

The 2020-21 Sierra League for basketball consists of Bonsall, Bayfront Charter, Chula Vista Learning Community Charter, Coastal Academy, and High Tech High North County. Each team will play each other three times, and the first game is considered a non-league game.

The non-league game against Chula Vista Learning Community Charter was played April 23 in Chula Vista and ended as a 63-35 Bonsall victory. Rahman scored 20 points against the Cobras.

Current junior Jason Suarez played for Fallbrook High School last year and thus had to sit out the Legionnaires' first five games due to CIF transfer regulations, but Suarez made his Bonsall High School basketball debut April 23 and had 10 points and 10 rebounds.

An April 24 match against Del Lago Academy was played in Escondido. Bonsall was on the preferred end of the 69-31 final score. "We played great," Colletti said.

What wasn't so great is that Rahman sprained his ankle during the second quarter and was lost for the remainder of the game. Suarez scored 26 points and added six rebounds; junior Emil Watkins had 20 points against the Firebirds and grabbed seven balls off the boards, and freshman Nathan Weinbrenner provided 10 points and 13 rebounds.

The April 27 league opener included Bonsall leads of 17-4 after the first quarter and 29-9 at halftime. "We played good total team defense," Colletti said.

The Cobras committed 22 turnovers. Suarez had 20 points, nine rebounds, and four assists. Watkins contributed 12 points and 10 rebounds. Six points were scored by junior Nate Valera.

Bonsall also had a 17-4 lead after the first quarter of the May 1 game against Del Lago. The final score was 57-33. Suarez had 16 points along with seven rebounds, Valera made five three-point shots for 15 total points; Watkins provided 13 points and four rebounds, and Rahman scored 11 points before spraining his other ankle. "Very balanced scoring," Colletti said.

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# Warriors dominate first two girls water polo matches

**Joe Naiman**  
Village News Reporter

Fallbrook High School's girls water polo program has 23 student-athletes. Ten of those are on the varsity roster, although some of the 13 junior varsity players are expected to see varsity action. In the absence of a 20-second exclusion penalty, seven players from each team are in the pool at one time. Having only three substitutes makes benching all starters to avoid running up the score mathematically impossible, so the Warriors opened their season with a 20-2 victory April 29 at home against Rancho Buena Vista and then defeated Mission Hills by a 24-3 score April 30 in Fallbrook.

The scores also indicate that Fallbrook excelled both on offense and on defense. "I thought overall it went very well," said Fallbrook coach Sean Redmond. "It looks good going into the rest of the season."

Fallbrook has 14 scheduled matches. Eight of those will be at home. "It's nice that we get to play at home more games than we normally do," Redmond said.

The only tournament for the 2020-21 season will be the CIF tournament which will begin June 7. Fallbrook is in Division I for CIF playoff purposes.

Five of Fallbrook's 2019-20 varsity starters return to this season's team. The 2020-21 Warriors have only three seniors, although junior Jocelyn Jones

is a military dependent and will be leaving the team May 15 as her father has been transferred to Colorado. Two of the varsity starters, Kela Kendall and Ava Dowden, are freshmen.

After the first quarter of the April 29 game the Warriors led by an 8-1 margin. The score was 14-1 at halftime.

"Playing together for the first time in over a year, they did well," Redmond said.

Fallbrook had a total of 37 steals against RBV. Six of those steals were by junior Grace Goode. Jones and Kendall recorded five steals apiece.

Additional turnovers were caused by a new water polo rule requiring the ball to be put in play immediately after a foul. The intent is to keep the player from holding the ball, so the ball must be put in the air or in the water and the requirement is for separation between the ball and the player's hand. Both teams turned over the ball due to that infraction. "RBV had a few more than what we did," Redmond said.

Fallbrook's defense also included two field blocks, one by Kendall and one by senior Paris Dowden.

The Warriors only had 10 assists. "A lot of our goals came off of counters (counterattacks) and steals," Redmond said.

Paris Dowden led the Warriors with six goals. Grace Goode had three goals. Other players had one or two goals. "Everybody who played in that game scored. That

was good," Redmond said.

The one Fallbrook player who did not score a goal, senior Karli Schreiber, is the Warriors' goalkeeper. Schreiber had assists on two of the goals, and she recorded three steals. The Fallbrook defense reduced the number of RBV shooting opportunities so Schreiber only made two saves.

"It was definitely a great opportunity to see where we're at," Redmond said.

"The girls really got excited and had fun playing," Redmond said. "You could tell the girls hadn't played a real game in over a year."

Fallbrook held a 6-1 advantage over Mission Hills after the first quarter, and the Warriors had a 12-1 cushion at halftime. Redmond chose to run offensive formations rather than counterattacks for the second half, and those offensive plays worked better than Redmond's plan to keep down the score.

As a team, Fallbrook had 35 steals including 11 by Jones and seven by Paris Dowden. Ava Dowden had both of the Warriors' field blocks. "I was again impressed with the defense," Redmond said.

Schreiber made two saves. "That again shows what our defense was capable of doing," Redmond said.

Paris Dowden scored seven goals, Ava Dowden had six goals, and Goode made five successful shots. The Warriors had 15 assists with Jones recording five of those.

# Warriors win first two boys basketball league games

**Joe Naiman**  
Village News Reporter

Valley League play for Fallbrook High School's boys basketball team began April 30 with a home game against San Pasqual, and the Warriors traveled to San Pasqual for a May 1 contest. Fallbrook won both games, giving the Warriors a 2-0 league record albeit a 2-10 overall mark.

"Our pre-league schedule was the hardest schedule in our league," said Fallbrook coach Moe Golshani. "It was very frustrating to start the year, but I'm glad it was the way it was."

Golshani noted that the tough pre-league schedule ensured that the Warriors would be used to higher-level competition during league play and the CIF playoffs should the Warriors be given a postseason berth. "My job is to make sure we're prepared," he said.

For basketball, the 2020-21 Valley League consists of Fallbrook, Escondido, Mount Carmel, Ramona, San Pasqual, and Valley Center. This season, the past practice of playing each team before a second round of league games against each of the teams has been replaced by playing consecutive matches against each team at each home court.

The April 30 game had a final score of 42-39. "We spent a lot

of time focusing on our strengths and what we thought was their weaknesses," Golshani said. "We did a decent job executing."

Golshani noted that the Warriors played three good quarters but were outscored by a 12-2 margin in the second period. With six minutes remaining in the game San Pasqual led by eight points.

The contributions of junior Charlie Stallings included 21 points, 11 rebounds, and three blocks. Ten points were scored by freshman Marquise Washington. The team combined for nine deflections while playing defense.

Prior to the May 1 game, Golshani and his players spent approximately 75 minutes on a walk-through to prepare for the second contest against the Golden Eagles. "When we put it into play Saturday night, it was fantastic," Golshani said.

The preparation paid off with a 60-48 victory. "Saturday's game was the best four quarters we've played as a basketball team," Golshani said.

The 12-point margin of victory allowed Golshani to provide game experience to his substitutes. "We went deep into my bench," he said.

Fallbrook had 13 deflections May 1. "Our strength is our defense," Golshani said. "We like to trap. Our defensive rotations have gotten night and day better."

Stallings had 19 points, 13 rebounds, and a block May 1. The 15 points scored by sophomore Reese Holmes were the result of making five of six shots from the field and five of seven shots from the free throw line, and Holmes added five rebounds.

Fallbrook's last game prior to the start of league competition was a 62-35 loss April 24 at Del Norte. The Warriors also played at Del Norte on April 8, and that game was a 67-19 Nighthawks victory. "We made a huge improvement," Golshani said.

"We've gotten better every single game we've been on the court," Golshani said. "The record shows 2 and 10, but for me we're 12 and 0 because every game we've gotten better."

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## BUSINESS

# For Murphy & Murphy, real estate is still personal

**Rick Monroe**  
Special to the Village News

Chris and Kim Murphy of Murphy & Murphy Southern California Realty have a couple of significant reasons for their success.

“It’s all about relationships,” said Chris. To that end, we limit how many clients we work with at a time to 15. That includes clients with homes getting ready for the market, clients with homes on the market, and clients with homes in escrow.

“That way we can give them our full attention,” Kim explained.

And the personal approach is working! They’ve averaged one sale a week since the beginning of the year. It’s a success rate that they say is very rewarding, not only financially, but in knowing they have happy clients.

The couple works as a team, with Chris doing most of the out of office work – collaborating with the photographer, showing homes, attending home inspections, meeting appraisers, assisting clients with the preparations to get their homes ready for the market, etc. Kim handles “mission control” in the downtown Fallbrook office, taking care of the multiple tasks required to work through any surprises and remain in contact with lenders and escrow officers to avoid any delays.

You can tell they enjoy working together and are “on the same page.” During the interview for this story, one would finish the sentence of the other, or add a little detail, without really interrupting the other.

The Murphys have strong local roots, living in Bonsall from 1992 to 2001 before moving to Fallbrook.

They started in real estate 24 years ago, in 1997 in Escondido. The broker they worked for moved them to Bonsall in 2001 when that broker opened a new office. Then in 2012, they opened their own brokerage and moved to their current location at 130 N. Main Ave., Fallbrook on the corner of Hawthorne.

“We thought starting our real estate careers in Escondido would give us a broader base, because we both came from backgrounds in international sales,” Kim said. “However, over time, more and

more of our business came out of our own backyard of Fallbrook.”

“We’ve had clients all the way to San Ysidro, Del Mar, La Jolla, San Clemente and in between, but 95% of the business is local – Fallbrook, Bonsall, Rainbow and De Luz,” Chris added.

Their real estate sales have amounted to more than \$400 million.

Most of their business is residential, but they also handle commercial and land transactions.

Average home sales in Fallbrook prices have jumped from \$729,000 to \$828,000 since January of this year, Chris said.

“If you want to sell, it’s an amazing time,” he added.

They said their role is to help clients decide what’s best for them. Often that involves selling their home so they can purchase their next home in another state or even another country. Every client is different.

“There are a lot of variables,” Chris said, “including whether their job is unique to California or remote capable. For example, we are representing a retired Navy captain who intends to continue working as a contractor who needs to stay in Southern California. We represent many other clients who work remotely, so finding a new home is as simple as finding them a Realtor is their future location of choice.

Prices are crazy now, something every knows, but will it continue?

“Well, that’s not crystal clear, but unless inflation spikes, it could keep going,” Chris replied. “One thing that is supporting the incredible demand for homes is that builders just aren’t building that many new homes. With COVID, a lot of the lumber mills closed, and building has come to a crawl. The cost of materials has skyrocketed. Fees and restrictions are oppressive.

“As baby boomers are downsizing or dying, millennials with their great jobs have the money to buy the homes the baby boomers are making available, especially with interest rates so low. However, other experts think this housing market will adjust in six months, so no one really knows,” Chris said.

“Our business is based on



Chris and Kim Murphy work as a team to sell real estate in and around Fallbrook. Village News/Mario Morales photo

excellent care, the opposite of ‘churn and burn,’” Kim said. “By limiting the number of clients, we’re able to help each client achieve what they need. You love it when they say, ‘Wow, we felt like we were your only client.’”

“We recently met with three separate clients,” Chris recalled. “They may have thought they were interviewing us, but we were interviewing them too, to discover who we could work with and truly help.”

“You get a feeling about who you can help the most. Some people have an idea of how things should work, but it’s not how they actually work. We’re probably not the best agents for them. We understand what works and what is important right now, and if a client wants to do things differently, we’re not going to be able to help them achieve their goals.” Kim added.

They certainly enjoy their job of helping others.

“Real estate isn’t right for a lot of people,” Kim said. “They see it as easy money, driving nice cars, having nice clothes, but it’s hard work!”

“There are some difficult situations when you have to grin and bear it,” Chris added. “There are long hours and frustration when a transaction goes sideways.”

“Basically, we’re problem solving all day long,” Kim said. “There are documents to sign, ongoing negotiations, and many

other details. It’s an emotional time for both the buyer and seller, so we work to keep everyone as calm as possible.”

“It’s so important to have a good Realtor,” Chris said. “Not all are as qualified or dedicated as we.”

“For example, all our phone calls go to Chris. He always answers his phone, Kim said. “There’s no hiding behind a technical device or screening calls. Our clients and other agents love this. We get comments all the time, saying ‘thank you for answering.’”

You don’t build relationships with the “turn and burn approach” – which they described as rushing to get as many listings as you can, but not really servicing the clients.

Kim identified some of the extra services they provide, such as connecting clients with an insurance company (Robert Bell) who also meets clients personally at his office instead of directing clients to a computer form.

Another aspect of their service is having a long list of reliable contractors who finish projects professionally to help a house sell. “Buyers want a house that is complete and ready to move into,” Kim explained. “Chris can act as a general contractor in coordinating work to be done on a house.”

She cited an example of a seller being able to clear \$65,000 more than they expected because of the projects Chris directed.

“What we do the most – and like doing the most – is listing homes,” Kim said.

They also get plenty of buyer leads from their web page showing local homes.

“When searching a web site, people don’t care about the Realtor. They care about the house. Our website focuses on property, not us. Once we meet them, we are able to sell them on our service.”

The couple is involved in the community, supporting the Fallbrook Food Pantry, Foundation for Senior Care, the Boys and Girls Club, and youth sports. They’ve attended North Coast Church for 25 years.

“Our faith is the root of why we are the way we are. Our responsibility is to the Lord. It’s why we give back to the community and why we take our jobs so seriously,” Chris said.

“Our work is an opportunity to do what we’re called to do – show Jesus,” Kim added. “We know God is the reason we are blessed.”

They run a full-page ad in the Village News, but three times a year their ad doesn’t promote their business. During Christmas and Easter, it’s about the birth and resurrection of Jesus. And in November, they print Lincoln’s Thanksgiving Proclamation.

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The sign-on bonus program features a \$500 bonus after the first 90 days of employment, followed

by a second \$500 bonus after an additional 90 days. Pala Casino offers a comprehensive benefits package, which includes group medical, dental and vision plans, employer paid life and disability insurance, retirement savings plans, paid time off, paid holidays, free meals and more. Eligibility for various benefits may differ based on job classification and length of service.

To view a complete list of career opportunities at Pala Casino,

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## County approves case-by-case review of fee to trust and tribal liquor license proposals

**Joe Naiman**  
Village News reporter

The County of San Diego will now consider reservation fees to

trust and liquor license proposals on a case-by-case basis.

A 4-1 Board of Supervisors vote May 4, with Joel Anderson opposed, repeals the previous

county policy opposing all fee-to-trust applications and the previous policy with more stringent criteria for liquor licenses than had been the case for non-tribal land.

The action directed the county’s chief administrative officer to work in cooperation with tribal governments and surrounding communities to minimize off-reservation impacts of fee-to-trust applications, review and comment on fee-to-trust applications for tribal lands on a case-by-case basis consistent with other interjurisdictional project requests for cities or other governmental agencies, consider the economic benefits to the county from a project which is the subject of a fee-to-trust application, review and comment on tribal land liquor license applications consistent with other liquor license applications throughout unincorporated San Diego County, work in collaboration with tribal governments to reinstate the county’s tribal liaison position, and include the tribal liaison position in the county’s fiscal year 2021-22 budget.

The motion also includes notification of nearby property owners, which is the case for all

other county discretionary actions.

“This action is an important step in the right direction,” said Pala tribal chairman Robert Smith. “On behalf of the Pala Band of Mission Indians, we thank the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors for supporting this important proposal.”

The U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs has a process to transfer land already owned by an Indian tribe into the reservation. In 1994 the Board of Supervisors approved a resolution to oppose all fee to trust applications by tribal governments in San Diego County. Although an Indian reservation is sovereign, a reservation which desires to serve alcohol must obtain a liquor license from the state Alcoholic Beverage Commission, and in June 2001 the Board of Supervisors adopted criteria for liquor licenses on tribal land which exceed the requirements for similar establishments not on a reservation.

The change in policies still allows the county to oppose a fee to trust transfer or liquor license based on the merits but also allows the county to recommend approval of a project.

“Several tribes throughout San

Diego County, including Pala, have responsibly developed casinos and businesses on their reservations, employed thousands of residents with good paying jobs, and made significant contributions to the local economy,” Smith said.

In 2001, Chantal Saipae was selected to be the county’s tribal liaison, but Saipae retired in 2009 and there is not currently such a position. The tribal liaison position would be responsible for interaction between tribal governments and county departments including social services and emergency services as well as land use and intergovernmental agreements.

He or she would be responsible for building relationships with each tribal government and would be the county’s main point of contact. County staff and participating tribal governments will collaborate to prepare the full scope of the tribal liaison position.

“Tribal businesses are vital to economic development in our communities, and we are committed to working to strengthen and foster strong government-to-government relationships throughout the region and the state,” Smith said.

**It is our goal to return to our Market Style Food Distribution in May.**

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Reflections of Nature and Beyond now showing at Fallbrook Art Center



"Fire Escape" by artist John Seerey-Lester captures a mountain lion on the run for the Reflections of Nature & Beyond show.

Village News/Shane Gibson photos



"Stampede Myrtlewood" by artist Terry Woodall is one of the sculptures on display at the Fallbrook Art Center's Reflections of Nature & Beyond show.



"Green Iguana & Leaf Cutter Ants" by artist Carel Brest van Kempen takes a close up look at coexistence at the Fallbrook Art Center.



"Colors #4" by artist Victoria Alexander Marquez is part of the Reflections of Nature & Beyond show.

FALLBROOK – The Fallbrook Art Center presents Reflections of Nature and Beyond, an exciting progression of the long-standing 23-year nature show, which has now grown into a full gallery juried presentation that will be open through May 30.

Original works in all medias and disciplines are being offered along with a shop area that includes smaller items such as cards, prints, jewelry, etc. All are invited to come and discover all the wonders that nature has to offer.

Also showing in The Rosalie & Spencer Lehmann and The Salon Galleries is Gaminí Ratnavira's, Brushes with Nature. Ratnavira is a local artist who moved to the U.S. from Sri Lanka in 1986. He specializes in tropical wildlife art and is a member of the Society of Animal Artists and Birds in Art. He

has also illustrated several books including "Mammals and Birds of Sri Lanka." His exhibition includes original works in oil, watercolor, and mixed media.

The Fallbrook Art Center, open since 1996, is dedicated to providing a venue for arts exhibition and awareness that serves the communities of the

region. The center provides access to visual art of the finest quality with related educational and interpretive programs. Fallbrook Art Center, a division of Fallbrook Arts, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation.

For more information, go to [www.fallbrookartcenter.org](http://www.fallbrookartcenter.org).

Submitted by the Fallbrook Art Center.

## VFW Auxiliary Members support the Fallbrook VFW



Dressed in derby regalia, VFW Auxiliary members come out in support of Fallbrook VFW Post 1924.

FALLBROOK – The VFW Post 1924 reopened its doors to the public April 26 with its Monday Burger Night, serving over 138 burgers in two short hours. Their first event after reopening was

Kentucky Derby Day on May 1. This event raised funds for the Post after being closed for most of the prior year.

A four course lunch was served and Mint Juleps were offered as

the official Kentucky Derby drink. Derby Day also offered a raffle, a 50/50 drawing and games before the watching of the Kentucky Derby via television. Auxiliary members had time to socialize



The Fallbrook VFW hosts its first event since reopening, May 1.

while supporting their Post.

Upcoming VFW fundraisers include Steak Night on the second Friday of each month. The first Steak Night will take place May 14 from 6-7:30 p.m. and the cost is \$18 per person.

The Fallbrook American Legion will be hosting a Blacked Salmon Dinner in the Fallbrook VFW Hall May 21 from 6-7:30 p.m. The dinner will include balsamic

glazed asparagus, rice pilaf, and dessert. The cost is \$16 per person, and the funds will go towards veteran and youth programs.

The VFW hall is at 1175 Old Stage Coach Rd. To learn more, call 760-728-8784, visit [fallbrookvfw.org](http://fallbrookvfw.org) or visit [www.americanlegion776.com](http://www.americanlegion776.com).

Submitted by Fallbrook VFW Post 1924.

## Theatre Talk

Elizabeth Youngman-Westphal  
Special to The Village News

San Diego Repertory is offering "pay what you can" pricing for the 28th Annual Lipinsky Family San Diego Jewish Arts Festival from May 16 to June 23. Head to <https://www.sdrep.org/jfest> to enjoy 15 different venues.

May 16 finds Hershey Felder in the kitchen. Enjoy his live performance from Florence while learning how to make a Russian meal at a special package price while he performs Rachmaninoff. Visit [SDRep.org](http://SDRep.org) for more details.

Coming May 14 at the Fallbrook Mission Theater is "Enchanted" with Amy Adams as the princess. Released in 2007, it is a charming tale for the kids and the entire family. I highly recommend this delightful romp and invite you to take your brood. Reservations required. Email [FallbrookMissionTheater@gmail.com](mailto:FallbrookMissionTheater@gmail.com) to put your name on the list and reserve the number of tickets needed. Let me know how you like it.

Don't forget Moonlight Amphitheater is reopening and you won't want to miss out on their opening prerecorded show

on Friday, May 21 with "The Music of Woodstock," followed by Disney's "Toy Story" the next night, Saturday the May 22. "Karate Kid" is on May 28. Visit [www.moonlightstage.org](http://www.moonlightstage.org) for more information.

New Village Arts is still performing at the Flower Fields in Carlsbad on an outdoor stage. A ticket also gets you entry to the flower fields. For tickets, go to [www.newvillagearts.org](http://www.newvillagearts.org)

Elizabeth Youngman-Westphal can be reached at [eyoungman@reedermmedia.com](mailto:eyoungman@reedermmedia.com).

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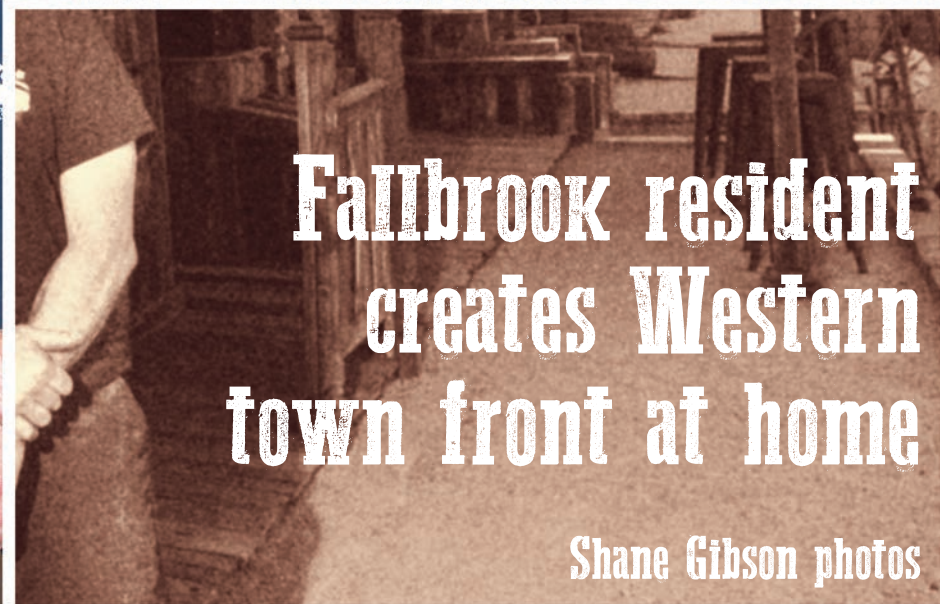
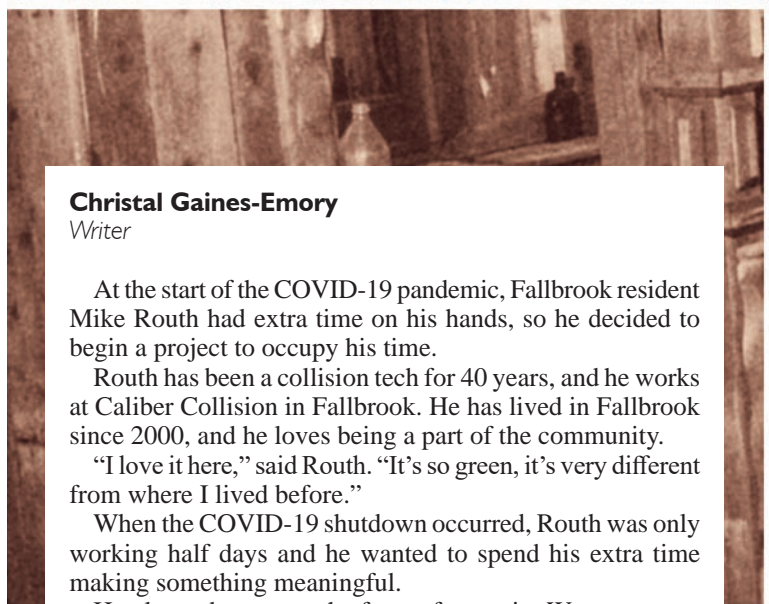
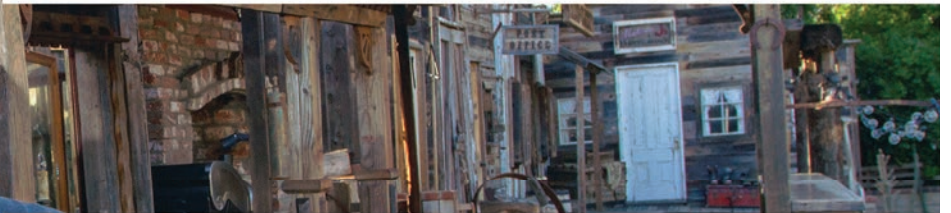
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## Ghosts of Oatman, AZ alive in Fallbrook



**Christal Gaines-Emory**  
Writer

At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Fallbrook resident Mike Routh had extra time on his hands, so he decided to begin a project to occupy his time.

Routh has been a collision tech for 40 years, and he works at Caliber Collision in Fallbrook. He has lived in Fallbrook since 2000, and he loves being a part of the community.

"I love it here," said Routh. "It's so green, it's very different from where I lived before."

When the COVID-19 shutdown occurred, Routh was only working half days and he wanted to spend his extra time making something meaningful.

He planned to create the front of an entire Western town, based off of the trips he had taken as a child to the ghost town in Oatman, Arizona. Routh said that he had many fond memories associated with Oatman, so he wanted to recreate the town at his home.

Routh began his project by buying different types of wood and materials from locals on Offerup. Many of his friends also donated materials. He was able to find all different types of wood for sale in De Luz, which would all be used in his Western town front.

"I've been going to Oatman since I was a kid," said Routh. "It has so many happy memories for me."

The Western front took him an entire year to complete, but he has plans to add different buildings to it.

"I don't think I'll ever be done working on it," said Routh. "There's always things to be added."

One addition Routh plans to start working on soon is a haunted house front. He would like to include a graveyard, blacklights, and more. He would like to have it complete in time for Halloween this year. Routh also plans to transform his brick wall into an Adobe wall near the Western front.

Routh's Western front has many buildings dedicated to loved ones that have passed on or people who helped to make the project happen. The memorial buildings are Walkers general store which is dedicated to his wife's deceased father and the blacksmith's shop that is dedicated to Routh's deceased stepdad. The barber shop is dedicated to Routh's neighbor, Bob Gilck, because he has donated lots of supplies and props to the project, and Routh said that he is the "ultimate neighbor."

Routh said that he is looking forward to working on the project and continuing to add different aspects to it as time goes on.

## Fallbrook resident creates Western town front at home

Shane Gibson photos

Mike Routh stands next to the old Western facade he created during the pandemic in the backyard of his Fallbrook home.



Mike Routh repurposed old and weathered wood to create the look of an old Western town in his backyard. Walker's General Store is named after his wife Julia's father, Floyd Walker.



Mike Routh's miniature ghost town features a variety of themes and old materials.



Bob's Barber Shop is dedicated to Mike Routh's neighbor Bob Glick, who donated a variety of old props for Routh to display and enhance the effect of his backyard ghost town.



The Pairish Blacksmith structure in Mike Routh's backyard ghost town is dedicated to his late stepfather, Randy Pairish.



## HOME & GARDEN AND REAL ESTATE

### Can trees talk with one another?

**Roger Boddaert**  
Special to Village News

Wow, that's a heavy beginning to start my conversation with you about the tree world, which has an interconnecting network just below our feet through which trees and plants communicate.

The earthy underground world comprises various fungi, known as the mycorrhizal fiber connections, and is known as the wood-wide web network.

This incredible root-systems network can share information about possible threats to one another like disease, droughts, or insect attacks. These tiny root fibers share water and nutrients through this vast system to work with one another and communicate.

The mycorrhizal network relies heavily on the mother trees, also known as hub trees, usually the oldest, tallest, and most vigorous trees with the most significant sunlight in a patch of a dense forest.

Using water and the sun's energy, trees produce sugars and starches, which are their food, in a process known as photosynthesis.

However, because of their exposure to large amounts of sunlight, the hub trees produce more sugars than they need for survival. These excess sugars are stored throughout the tree, including its fibrous root system, and are shared with nearby trees.

This fibrous system is called the mycelium which forms a web of underground roots and interconnecting fungi. In just one rich handful of forest, soils contain more living organisms than all the people who have ever lived on earth.

This specialized web creates the network that allows trees to communicate with one another and is called the soil's mycorrhizal network.

A tree can send chemical signals through its root system to communicate in this network, which then travel through the fungi network and are received by other trees. These chemical codes to other trees may alter their behavior based on the information sent to one another through the complexity of the trees' root hairs.

In essence, these fungi are the means through which trees can communicate with each other and are a world unto their own, just below the earth's crust.

Besides trees using this mycorrhizal network to send warnings of nearby threats, mother trees also use this web to share resources like sugars and nutrients with younger trees that might be shaded from sunlight out in the depths of a dense forest or woodland.

Every day, trees face threats like droughts, insects, fires, diseases, predation from herbivores, and they want to survive if they can.

Trees have evolved to release pheromones upon sensing insect attacks, which warn nearby trees of impending danger and allows them to release their pheromones that repel insects to some degree.

Nature competes for all kinds of resources, whether it's food, light, water, or shelter, but this competition is only a part of the grand picture.

Cooperation and mutual benefits are also the foundation of countless interactions with all aspects of nature, and we should learn from that as a species as well.

From the oceans to the land and the sky above, many interacting networks are in constant motion, and how they tick amazes me as I trek through my own daily life with admiration and respect for all of nature's wonders.

I have always said that trees and plants are unique individuals



Live Oak Park Road is lined with old oak trees in an example of survival of the fittest. Village News/Nancy Heins-Glaser photos



A variety of trees and bushes coexist at Jackie Heyneman Park.



This fallen tree is on the property of the old Reche School House.

growing from the soils they live in and reacting to a complex pyramid of factors in how they function and grow.

Within a native oak woodland there are over 300 species of flora and fauna that coexist, and all are fighting for their survival.

The world of trees and herbaceous plants includes a complexity of worms, bugs, lichen, snakes, toads, skunks, coyotes, moths, butterflies, mycorrhizal fungi, and more, with survival of the fittest.

This intricate root system is working 24/7 non-stop and is the trees' information highway aiding nature's survival, and we must respect that to continue the human species.

Trees and plants grow within a symbiosis of this vast network, and we must treat the earth with a more gentle hand than we have done in the past. Re-cycle, re-purpose, re-use, up-cycle, and stop using the harmful chemicals being applied to the soil daily, for we are destroying the web just below our feet that interconnects life as we know it.

If you want to read the book "Silent Spring" by Rachel Carson, she discusses what we have been doing to the earth in great detail and it is an excellent read from some 60 years ago.

Desertification is increasing throughout the globe, and vast areas are losing precious topsoils, which

is the lifeline in agriculture from continent to continent.

Just look back into 1930, when middle America suffered from drought and the denuding of land of vegetation, and the devastating dust bowl happened. History reminds us to learn from our past mistakes in how we care for the soils that sustain us.

There are other approaches to understand if we as a species are to carry on, for there are just so many natural resources to call up and help us sustain some form of existence.

So, with an understanding and knowledge of what exists in the soils, we are all stewards of the earth and must practice wholesome and natural gardening and farming techniques.

As a tribute to the global Earth Day, which should be every day, look at our planet with a new perspective of what you can do in caring and being a little kinder, for there is no plan B.

So, as the soils below do their communication networking, let us humans do our part by talking and communicating and being a better partner with our friend and home called the earth, for we are all interconnected.

Roger Boddaert, *The Tree Man of Fallbrook & Maker of Natural Gardens*, can be contacted at 760-728-4297.

### How to keep rose bushes healthy

**Frank Brines**  
ARS Master Consulting Rosarian

There were signs of climate change again this year. Temperatures and rainfall patterns differed greatly from last year, with temps lower for longer, and much less rain and spread out over a longer period. Rose growth and development are dependent on weather, and flower production is particularly impacted by inconsistent temperatures, sun and water. All of this has made it more difficult for me to predict what to do and when to do it!

The longer time frame for rain and more misty cool nights caused some rust, mildew and Botrytis fungus to appear quickly. Blooms were affected by botrytis which "rots" the petals preventing them from opening successfully. A few warmer days would encourage growth and produce buds, then a few days of 70-80-degree temperatures caused a burst of growth toward blooming. At least one application of fungicide and pesticide spray helped to reduce the outbreak.

Personal commitments caused me to delay my pruning this year by three weeks. Even so, the first roses bloomed about eight weeks after pruning. Typically, the first flush of blooms is expected after eight to 10 weeks, usually on the longer side. Those roses are now in need of pruning again. In this area, the first annual rose shows would usually be about now, and I know that local exhibitors' roses are in all different stages of bloom, many past exhibit stage.

Abundant sunshine and water produce larger blooms, so your roses are probably really ready to take off. If you didn't apply fertilizer earlier, be sure to do so soon (more about this a little later), along with plenty of water to maintain this production curve. Know the soil composition in your garden so you know how much water to apply to maintain good soil moisture without drowning the roots.

Be vigilant for changes, diseases and pests in your garden now, and be prepared to act on these immediately. The Hoplia Beetle appeared in April with the few hot days. I usually see it in May so it was a few weeks early. It can do serious damage in a short time to the rose blooms. It can first be seen on light colored blooms. Drag it out from between the petals with a screwdriver or Q-tip and plop it into a cup of sudsy water.

(Note: To learn to identify Hoplia Beetles, just do a search on the Internet. Bottom line however: If you find little holes in light colored petals, and you find beetles nestled between the petals, you've probably got Hoplia – dig 'em out!)

Blooms mature quickly in warm weather, so as they fade, lightly prune back to the first outward facing five-leaflet leaf. Don't shorten the cane too much. If you remove just the blossom and peduncle (this little length of stem that ends at the blossom), you may get two weaker shoots with less bloom quality. This light pruning sets the stage for the next bloom cycle in about seven weeks.

For best production, try to shape the bush to outward facing buds. If you can, keep canes that are larger than the diameter of a wooden pencil. Doing all this now, your next blooms will appear mid-June before the summer heat. Knowing this, can help you prepare for the hot summer in Temecula Valley. Make sure to put all vegetation into your green waste barrel.

Roses want a constant supply of nutrients, including micro nutrients (copper, iron, manganese, magnesium, etc.). Remember that you are also feeding the soil microbiology which is complex and multi-tiered, abundant in beneficial microbes which creates a sustainable soil diversity acting like an "immune system."

Phosphate (P) and potassium (K) help develop strong root systems, better blooms, and helps prevent stress during adverse conditions. In fact, plants grown with organic fertilizers are themselves more resistant to pests and diseases. A soil test kit for analyzing the soil needs could save you lots of money, energy and guesswork for a fulfilling garden.



Village News/Shane Gibson Photos  
Rose growth and development are dependent on weather conditions, the blooms mature quickly in warm weather.

Keep an eye for worsening conditions such as water stress, insect pests, and fungal diseases. Do not use a formula that treats everything. Use only a product especially for the specific problem, and treat in proportion to severity, as well as your level of acceptance. If control is lost it may be necessary to strip off all of the diseased leaves and prune back and basically start over.

Some organic formulas use neem oil, insecticidal soaps, baking soda, etc. Read entire labels and use according to directions, including safety equipment to avoid exposure to contaminants. Keep your skin covered when applying chemical treatments. Use approved goggles for eye protection, respirator mask, long sleeve shirt, water/chemical resistant boots and gloves. When the treatment is completed, immediately remove clothing and wash. Take a good shower to remove any possible contamination.

Gardens are showing increased prevalence of the fungal disease "Black Spot." It appears as dark green to black spots on leaves, which often turn yellow and fall off. The infected leaves (even those that fall) produce spores that can infect other leaves. There are many fungicides available, but control can be difficult.

Sometimes you just have to remove and dispose of any affected leaves.

Another pest is the Chilli Thrip. It's much smaller than the Western Thrip we're accustomed to and more devastating as it eats all varieties of vegetation.

Control is quite difficult and new treatments are being studied. Products containing spinosad bacteria seem to help control soft-bodied larvae, but be aware that even such "natural" products can kill other (beneficial) insect species.

It is never too late to apply a thick layer of mulch! Use composted mulch, not wood products. (Pine needles are good too!) Apply to a depth of 3 to 4 inches.

Mulch keeps the entire bed uniformly supplied with water. Avoid mulch containing wood chips of any sort: Their breakdown robs the soil of Nitrogen, and a mold can grow that is impenetrable to water, fertilizers, and oxygen.

I've grown many varieties of roses in my gardens. Most will grow well in the Temecula Valley. Some varieties I recommend; Mr Lincoln. Outta the Blue, Easy Does It, Touch of Class, Double Delight, Joey, Gold Medal, Graham Thomas, Fragrant Cloud, Fragrant Plum, Sunsprite, Playboy, Sally Holmes, Ballerina, Tropical Lightening, Hey Jack, Neptune, Violet's Pride.

Heads up for high summer: Don't expect great roses July through September when temperatures are high! Just keep plants well hydrated, and remove just spent petals, leaving the "hips" (don't prune). The plants will enter a short dormancy and build strength for fall.

I am an ARS Certified Master Rose Consultant. If you would like personal answers to questions you can leave questions on the TVRS website or write me at [roseguy2000@aol.com](mailto:roseguy2000@aol.com).

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# LAFCO approves annexation of Meadowood land into Rainbow MWD

**Joe Naiman**  
Village News Reporter

San Diego County's Local Agency Formation Commission has approved the annexation of the development originally known as Meadowood into the Rainbow Municipal Water District.

A 7-0 LAFCO board vote May 3, with no City of San Diego representative present, approved the detachment of the land from the Valley Center Municipal Water District and the annexation of the property into the Rainbow district. Tri Pointe Homes is now the parent company of Pardee Homes, and the development's name has been changed from Meadowood to Citro. An amendment to the sphere of influence, which determines the boundaries best served by a particular agency, was also approved to allow for the boundary changes.

"This is a friendly boundary swap," said LAFCO analyst Priscilla Allen.

In January 2012, the Board of Supervisors approved the 384-acre Meadowood development. The original approved map included 397 single-family homes, 447 multi-family homes, 13 acres for an elementary school which will be built by the Bonsall Unified School District, four acres of park land, 128 acres of biological open space, 47 acres of agricultural open space, 5.9 miles of trails, and a

wastewater treatment plant.

In order to avoid impacts to sensitive environmental resources, a public park was relocated and the residential component is now expected to consist of 473 single-family and 352 multi-family homes while the public park size has increased to 9.1 acres with the trail length reduced to 5.6 acres. The detachment and annexation covers 266.9 acres on 12 legal parcels.

When the Board of Supervisors approved Meadowood, the land was within the San Luis Rey Municipal Water District, which is not part of the San Diego County Water Authority. The Board of Supervisors conditions included annexing the property into the SDCWA.

Pardee Homes had entered into a pre-annexation agreement with the Rainbow Municipal Water District in 2004, but in April 2005 the Rainbow board instructed the district's legal counsel to work with Pardee on terminating the agreement and in December 2008 Rainbow's board voted to terminate that agreement.

In January 2011, the Valley Center Municipal Water District board voted to support the annexation of Meadowood into that district, and LAFCO approved the annexation of Meadowood into the Valley Center district in 2014.

Meadowood is not adjacent to the rest of the Valley Center

boundaries. The plan when the property was annexed was for Pardee to construct water and sewer lines to Meadowood at the developer's expense. The nearest Valley Center facility is across Couser Canyon multiple miles away from Meadowood, and over time both the Valley Center district and Pardee realized that the lack of facilities in the area would make Meadowood difficult for the Valley Center district to serve.

Meadowood is adjacent to Rainbow facilities. "We have facilities that are immediately nearby," said Rainbow general manager Tom Kennedy.

Last year, Pardee and the Valley Center and Rainbow districts approved an out-of-area service agreement for Rainbow to provide water and sewer service to Meadowood. The April 2020 Rainbow action also directed district staff to prepare an application to LAFCO to annex the Meadowood area into Rainbow and detach that area from the Valley Center district, and the May 2020 meeting authorized Kennedy to submit the application to LAFCO.

"Everybody's on the same page," Kennedy said.

LAFCO chair Andy Vanderlaan, who lives in the Rainbow Municipal Water District, is the public member on LAFCO's board. "It's nice to see two districts getting along so well," he said.

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# Students help improve post office landscaping



Jackie Heyneman, left, helps Viviana Lasley, center, and Fallbrook High School Environmental Club President Yareli Albino in landscaping maintenance at the Fallbrook Post Office, May 8. This is an enhancement project being done through Fallbrook's Save Our Forest committee.



Members of the Fallbrook High Environmental Club volunteer with Save Our Forest members to prepare the space at the front of the post office for paving stones.



Members of the Fallbrook High Environmental Club volunteer time at the Fallbrook Post Office to add dyomndia grass to the native landscape plantings as well as paving stones to create a walkway in front of the building.

# Supervisors OK sustainability, native plant policies

## City News Service

San Diego County supervisors Wednesday, May 5, unanimously approved policies focused on environmental sustainability, and offered residents and businesses new tools to expand the natural

habitat.

Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer teamed up with board Chairman Nathan Fletcher and Vice Chairwoman Nora Vargas to propose reorganizing county departments around sustainability, including a formal plan, and

creating a native plant policy to preserve regional biodiversity.

"Sustainability is not just something we need in our communities, but also in how local government works," Lawson-Remer said in a statement after the vote.

She added that the new policies will "make climate action a part of our culture and daily operations."

Fletcher reminded the public that Wednesday's vote was just the beginning of the environmental policy overhaul, which will feature "robust stakeholder engagement" and public input.

"We want to make sure we're doing everything we can to make sure this region remains special," Fletcher said. "Native plants are the constant reminder of the amazing species found only here."

Earlier this year, the board supported proposals to address climate change, including making San Diego the largest county in the United States to commit to zero carbon emissions by 2035.

Drought-tolerant native plants provide habitat for wildlife, reduce water consumption and further the county's climate action strategy, according to Lawson-Remer's office. She added that without an investment in native landscaping, "we're at risk of losing that vital biodiversity," which in turn can negatively affect soil and animal species.

To encourage more residents and businesses to add more native plants

to their yards, county policy will suggest best practices, incentives for retrofits, and equity-based resources and training.

Staffers will seek input from residents and the San Diego Regional Biological Working Group, with the goal of completing a draft policy for board approval by the year's end, Lawson-Remer said.

Fletcher said the county will not require any resident or business to include native plants on their property.

Several county departments now handle sustainability-related tasks, including waste reduction, stormwater management and energy procurement. Supervisors directed staffers to review departmental structure and bring recommendations to the board either this year or in early 2022.

Lawson-Remer said she anticipates that each county department will offer transformational ideas, ranging from using less paper to transitioning to an all-electric fleet of vehicles.

Supervisor Jim Desmond was supportive of the proposals, but added that with the county's many microclimates, what may grow well at the beach might not inland.

He and colleague Joel Anderson said it was important to have a full range of input, including from retail nurseries, farming associations and the UC Cooperative Extension Program.

Along with tying more eco-

friendly policies, "let's consider a consumer lens as well," Anderson said.

Desmond said there are a lot of commercial nurseries in his district that are nervous about any policy change that might limit them, "and I want to make sure they're part of the process."

Many who called in during a public comment period lauded the new eco-friendly direction.

Karin Zirk, a member of the volunteer group Friends of Rose Creek, said encouraging native plants will also help tourism, as those types of plants use less fertilizer, which means less damage to the county's popular beaches.

Dan Silver, CEO of the Endangered Habitats League, said the policy shift is "well thought out and will move the county in a productive direction."

Hannah Gbeh, executive director of the San Diego Farm Bureau, said her group was opposed to the county's emphasis on native plants. According to the Farm Bureau, the native plant policy fails to account for horticulture-related concerns such fire risks, economics, seasonal plant viability and open space.

While such an idea is well-intended, Gbeh said she was "not sure how native plants will fit in overall county development."

The Farm Bureau would prefer the county offer a public education program instead of an official policy, Gbeh added.

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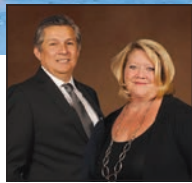
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# Things to consider when renovating to sell

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**Do a thorough home inspection first**

One of the most important steps in a real estate transaction is the home inspection. Before making any remodeling projects, dealing with potential issues in your property should be addressed before listing it.

**Have a clear vision**

Have a detailed plan for what you want your room to look like when it's completed before looking for contractors. Change of mind about the design in the middle of a project can be costly. Being decisive and showing your vision to your contractor will also provide them with the right expectation and full scope of the work. It will make it easier for the contractor to give you an accurate estimate too.

**Set your budget**

It's always a good idea to put aside a little extra for unforeseen expenses like clean-up costs to electrical and plumbing repairs. While you can plan a budget and

stick to it, things will be easier to handle and will be less stressful for you as well financially, if you've set a slightly heftier budget in case something unexpected comes up.

**Hire a qualified contractor**

Usually, for first-time renovation projects, home owners are compelled to call upon either the first one to give you a quote or the cheapest one. Frustration, delays, and unplanned expenses – these will be more likely what you'll experience in failing to get someone qualified. Make sure you ask to see their recent work and check references and research online for reviews of contractors. Ask your neighbors. It is also helpful to find someone local, as they are accustomed to weather conditions in your area.

Now, here are remodeling projects that will surely reward you when it is time to sell your home.

**Reduce maintenance hassles**

Some quick fixes and improvements before selling that are worth the expense are repairing a broken fence, updating faulty wiring, sealing water leaks and applying a fresh coat of paint on the walls. New roofing, which would cost around \$7,500 will give you 107% ROI.

**Add space and open up the floor plan**

There are some things you can do to make your property look like there are more livable square-footage than it actually does.

Continuous flooring. Having different floor material in each

room breaks the flow, which makes the space seem smaller. Choose one material and use that same flooring all throughout the space. Replacing your flooring with wood all throughout would cost around \$4,700 and will give you back 106% ROI, according to the National Association of REALTORS®.

Clear out clutter. Put away unnecessary things around the house, like furniture, backstock, etc. Open up the space as much as possible.

Make the most out of your space. Consider converting the attic and/or basement into a functional space like a living area or a bedroom. A basement conversion project would cost around \$46,900 and would reap a 64% ROI.

**Add curb appeal**

The first impression is the only impression when selling a home. Make sure the driveway is clear and exterior walls are neat. Simple tweaks like applying a fresh coat of paint onto the front door and exterior walls, trimming bushes are just some cheap and easy ways to enhance the look from the outside. Replacing a garage door would practically pay for itself – cost is around \$2,100 and would have a ROI of 95%.

**Room makeovers**

The kitchen will likely make or break any property listing as it's one of the most important considerations of any home buyer. Upgrade worn-out surfaces, choose a more neutral finish, and material for your countertop and cabinets. Updating appliances



Working on curb appeal is important when renovating a home to sell it.

into stainless ones are also a plus. On average, a complete remodel would cost around \$68,300 and recover around 59% on resale.

The bathroom is another key home feature to look into. You'd probably shell out around \$35,000 and will pay back 57% upon resale.

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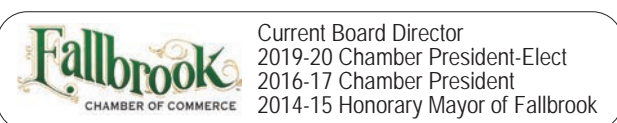
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## EDUCATION

# Fallbrook FFA hosts the 87th annual awards banquet

**Christal Gaines-Emory**  
Writer

Fallbrook FFA virtually hosted its annual awards banquet via YouTube Live Friday, April 30. The banquet consisted of many different award announcements, recognition of achievements, and a virtual scrapbook presentation documenting the 2020-2021 school year.

The banquet was led by Chapter officers Madi Golden, Sydney Breese, Damon Gallegos, Cassidy Boulanger, Emily Schmierer, Kassidy Ewig, Skye Kressin, Carl Maier and Veronica Romero with assistance from FFA advisors Margaret Chapman, Doug Sehnert, Brian Kantner and Crystal Jones.

During the banquet, the officers reflected on the achievements throughout the unique year and announced the winners of multiple awards, including Honorary Chapter Farmer, Star awards, and degree recipients.

The honorary Chapter Farmer award is given to community members who have continued to work towards improving agriculture education in Fallbrook, this year's winners were Laura Evans and Carmen Hatcher.

The Proficiency awards are given to FFA students who have excelled in their Supervised Agricultural Experience projects. This year, those Fallbrook FFA students are Gallegos, Romero, Maude Hutson, Breese, Ewig, Boulanger, Golden and alumni

Madison Causey.

The Star Greenhand award is given to a student who has earned their Greenhand degree, excelled in their SAE, and shows potential and commitment to future SAE enterprises. This year's recipient was the Greenhand President, Mallory Sehnert, for her dedication in her various livestock projects. The Star Chapter award is given to a junior or senior who has excelled in their SAE project and has shown dedication to FFA. This year's recipient, Golden, has raised livestock and nursery projects, competed in public speaking competitions, and she is currently serving as the Fallbrook FFA Chapter President.

The Star Agriculture Placement award is given to a student who has spent a great amount of time as an employee for an agriculture related job along with actively participating in the FFA. This year's winner was Chapter Treasurer Gallegos, because of his employment at Ray's Ranch in Temecula and his involvement in FFA activities.

The Scholastic achievement award was given to Hutson for maintaining the highest GPA of FFA seniors with their chapter degree. The Leadership award was given to Breese for her commitment to serving Fallbrook and San Diego as an FFA officer and for her continued involvement in leadership conferences as well as public speaking competitions and judging teams.



The Fallbrook Chapter Officers, from left, back row, Emily Schmierer, Carl Maier, Damon Gallegos, Veronica Romero; front row, Kassidy Ewig, Skye Kressin, Madi Golden, Sydney Breese, and Cassidy Boulanger pose for a photo for their 2020-2021 awards banquet slideshow.

The Chapter officers also announced the recipients of the Greenhand degrees, Chapter degrees, State degrees, and the American degree. These degrees represent the different levels of achievements in FFA and continued effort in an SAE

project. Only 3% of FFA members receive their State degree, and this year, Fallbrook FFA had seven recipients. The American degree is earned by less than 1% of FFA students. Fallbrook FFA had one recipient this year, alumni Karina Gutierrez.

After a unique school year, the chapter officers were excited to be able to celebrate the success of the Fallbrook FFA students.

"We've endured many hardships this year, but I'm proud of the students' efforts and achievements in FFA," said Golden.

# Former student creates a mural at Bonsall West Elementary School



Colin Ericson and Superintendent David Jones admire the finished mural Ericson planned for his Eagle Scout project.

**Christal Gaines-Emory**  
Writer

Former Bonsall West Elementary school student Colin Ericson began his Eagle Scout project April 2 by planning and installing a new mural at the elementary school based on the "Leader in Me" program.

A member of Troop 789, Ericson spent a total of 56 hours working on completing this project, and he also enlisted the help of multiple volunteers from Boy Scouts to help. The project took Ericson and his volunteers a total of 155 hours to complete.

After Ericson's former teacher, Sergio Guzman, approached him about doing his Eagle Scout project at the school, Ericson was determined to design a mural that would make a lasting impact on the students.

"I have a sister who is in her last year at Bonsall West, so I felt like I should leave something behind," said Ericson. "When Mr. Guzman approached me about doing my Eagle Scout project at the school, I instantly said yes."

Ericson has been a Boy Scout for seven years, and he said his greatest lesson learned from the organization has been how to lead effectively and how to accomplish goals no matter the circumstance.

Ericson will be reviewed by

the Eagle Board and interviewed to determine if he will become an Eagle Scout, May 27. In order to become an Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts must complete the Eagle Scout Service project which is a leadership project completed in order to benefit a school, religious institution, or community. So Ericson chose to complete a mural at the school as his project.

Guzman, a sixth grade teacher at Bonsall West, said he was proud to see a project as big as this one accomplished during such a challenging time.

"Due to COVID, it has been much harder to find acceptable activities/projects that follow the acceptable protocol upheld by the District and the community," said Guzman. "This was nice to see fulfilled, as it brought back some normalcy to what has been an otherwise challenging year."

According to Guzman, the Leader in Me is a leadership program that the school adopted last year and began to promote this year. It allows student-led, student-run activities where they take the reins and have complete ownership of their projects and activities.

Ericson's mural incorporates the seven habits of the Leader in Me program. In the front area of the school, there are seven puzzle pieces painted different colors



Students at Bonsall West Elementary school enjoy the new mural based on the "Leader in Me" program.

that list the seven habits. The large ocean mural incorporates a lighthouse as a beacon of light for young leaders, and Ericson painted the explanations of each habit glimmering across the ocean horizon. The seven habits and explanations are:

- Habit 1: Be Proactive (You're in Charge)
- Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind (Have a Plan)
- Habit 3: Put First Things First (Work First, Then Play)
- Habit 4: Think Win-Win (Everyone Can Win)
- Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood (Listen Before You Talk)
- Habit 6: Synergize (Together Is Better)
- Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw (Balance Feels Best)

Guzman said that the mural has received lots of positive feedback from staff and students.

"Some of our staff members that remember Colin from his days at our school, expressed pride and gratitude that one of our own wanted to come back and help beautify the school," said Guzman. "It also animated a lot of students that have been completing most of their school work from behind a monitor in their homes. Now they can see, they too will be called on to complete the next 'Best' thing at our school!"

Guzman hopes that the students will learn from Ericson and his project, and they will become motivated to complete similar projects that others will benefit from.

"I hope that students will be motivated to step up and carry the torch soon! This is not our first big project, and it won't be the last," said Guzman. "It always

brings a smile to my face when I see the Old School and the New School kids working together for one common goal: making our school the best it can be, while empowering the community, the families, and the students to take on that ownership and responsibility! Inspiring young minds is the best gift ever."

Although Ericson has never studied art nor does he consider himself an artist, he said that it was important for him to design

the piece and apply himself to the challenge. Ericson has recently graduated early from Mission Vista High School, and he plans to attend the University of Arizona in the fall.

Ericson hopes that the Leader in Me mural will help to inspire the students to continue growing and becoming strong leaders.

"I hope that the mural brings the school a constant reminder of the potential of our country's future generations," said Ericson.

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## FAA awards local artist with a scholarship



Makenna Sandoval, a senior at Fallbrook High School, receives a scholarship for \$1,000 from the FAA. Village News/Courtesy photos



FAA board members, from left, Karen Langer Baker, Julie Compton, Thom Lingle, Ruth Parker, Diane Jansen, and Carol Reardon present Makenna Sandoval with a scholarship and FAA membership.

FALLBROOK – One of the ways the Fallbrook Art Association supports the local art community is to provide scholarships for promising art students. On Monday, April 24, Makenna Sandoval, a senior at Fallbrook High School, was the recipient of the \$1,000 FAA Scholarship Award, plus a membership in the Fallbrook Art Association valued at over \$100.

Sandoval said, “I’ve been drawing ever since I could hold a pencil, and love experimenting with all art mediums. My primary focus is digital painting and I describe my art as semi-realism, leaning toward animated, cartoon-style.”

Following in her mother’s footsteps, Sandoval has been accepted at Cal State Fullerton with plans to major in Art Education

and inspire the next generation of artists just as she was inspired by her own art teachers.

The Gallery, operated by FAA, is located at 127 N. Main Avenue in downtown Fallbrook. Open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Discover affordable, original paintings, prints, ceramics, sculpture, jewelry, and “frameable art” greeting cards. Whether an artist or patron of the arts, consider joining Fallbrook Art Association, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to fostering the arts in the community.

More information is available at [www.fallbrookartassn.org](http://www.fallbrookartassn.org), in The Gallery office, and on the FAA Facebook page.

Submitted by the Fallbrook Art Association.

## Fallbrook Band Boosters open scholarship applications

FALLBROOK – The Fallbrook Band Boosters have announced, for the second year in a row, that they will be providing scholarships for two Fallbrook Union High School District seniors.

The Band scholarships were re-implemented in 2020 because Fallbrook Band Boosters felt it was important to continue supporting students in their pursuit of music and color guard after high school. As such, one scholarship will be awarded to a musician and one scholarship to a color guard student, who both show initiative and passion in furthering their experience in their craft in college.

In 2020, the Booster program gave away two \$500 scholarships. In 2021, it was important to the Booster Board to increase the amount to \$1000 per student. Booster President Chris Potter said, “These students have shown they have the talent, the fortitude, and

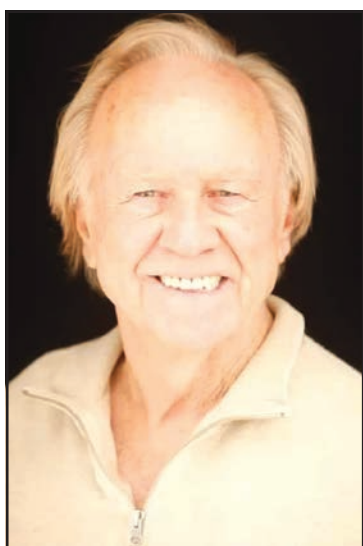
the dedication to the program...it is our board’s belief, that they have been cheated a normal senior year and we feel it is important to show them that they are valued and their Booster program is proud of their accomplishments.”

Announcements of the scholarship application have been submitted to the students and on social media. Communication Director Bree Salas said, “These students have had a rough hand dealt to them this year. Since the Boosters have the ability to help them continue in their pursuit, we hope the students apply and continue their path in college.”

Scholarship applications for FUHSD seniors can be found at [www.fhswarriorsmusic.org](http://www.fhswarriorsmusic.org) or contact the Fallbrook Band Boosters at [info@fhswarriorsmusic.org](mailto:info@fhswarriorsmusic.org) or 760-626-6945.

Submitted by the Fallbrook Band Boosters.

## OBITUARIES



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<b>April 21</b>	1200 block Palomino Rd.	Missing adult
400 block W. Fallbrook St.	Burglary	500 block De Luz Rd. Grand theft
<b>April 22</b>	200 block W. Clemmens Ln.	Grand theft
<b>April 23</b>	1900 block Via Ladera	Threaten crime with intent to terrorize
<b>April 26</b>	Merida Ln. @ Alturas Rd.	Arrest: Poss. narcotic controlled subs
<b>April 27</b>	Merida Ln. @ Alturas Rd.	Found property
1000 block Rice Canyon Rd.	Other agency vehicle theft/recovery	3100 block S. Old Highway 395 Miscellaneous incidents
31900 block Del Cielo E.	Miscellaneous incidents	800 block S. Wisconsin St. Missing adult
1000 block Rice Canyon Rd.	Arrests: Poss. controlled substance	600 block E. Elder St. Missing adult
<b>April 28</b>	900 block Alturas Rd.	Take vehicle w/o owner's consent/vehicle theft
400 block W. Elder St.	Burglary	800 block E. Alvarado St. Arrest: Battery: Spouse/ex spouse/date/etc.
Shady Ln. @ Dougherty St.	Simple assault	800 block E. Alvarado St. Recovery of stolen vehicle
100 block Ranger Rd.	Lost article	1100 block Alturas Rd. Arrest: Felony other agency's warrant
3700 block Valle Del Sol	5150: Mental disorder 72 hr observation	39300 block Sandia Creek Dr. Found property
400 block W. Dougherty St.	Petty theft	800 block E. Alvarado St. Take vehicle w/o owner's consent/vehicle theft
1100 block S. Mission Rd.	Arrest: Carjacking	S. Mission Rd. @ Olive Hill Rd. Lost article
1600 block Winterwarm Dr.	Arrest: Elder abuse/neglect	1600 block Calavo Rd. Arrest: Spousal/cohabitant abuse with minor injury
1600 block Winterwarm Dr.	Arrest: Simple battery	<b>May 2</b>
3700 block Valle Del Sol	Elder abuse incident	800 block E. Alvarado St. Arrest: Battery: Spouse/ex spouse/date/etc.
<b>April 29</b>	4700 block Pala Rd.	Petty theft
5400 block Villas	Found narcotic, narcotic seizure	1100 block Senwood Wy. Petty theft
1100 block Senwood Wy.	Petty theft	1800 block Davis Dr. Obtain money/etc. by false pretenses
1800 block Davis Dr.	Obtain money/etc. by false pretenses	1600 block Avenida De Nog Arrest: Felony bench warrant
1600 block Avenida De Nog	Arrest: Felony bench warrant	Brooke Rd. @ Stage Coach Ln. Arrest: Poss. narcotic controlled subs.
Brooke Rd. @ Stage Coach Ln.	Arrest: Poss. narcotic controlled subs.	11100 block Pala Rd. Take vehicle w/o owner's consent/vehicle theft
11100 block Pala Rd.	Take vehicle w/o owner's consent/vehicle theft	2100 block S. Mission Rd. Arrest: Forge/alter vehicle registration/etc.
2100 block S. Mission Rd.	Arrest: Forge/alter vehicle registration/etc.	<b>April 30</b>
<b>April 30</b>	100 block W. Clemmens Ln.	Arrest: Spousal/cohabitant abuse with minor injury
100 block W. Clemmens Ln.	Arrest: Spousal/cohabitant abuse with minor injury	1600 block S. Mission Rd. Arrest: Possess controlled substance
		6500 block Rainbow Heights Rd. 5150: Mental disorder 72 hr observation
		600 block S. Stage Coach Ln. Vandalism
		1400 block Alturas Rd. Grand theft
		5400 block Camino Del Rey Burglary
		3100 block Jicarilla Dr. Grand theft: Money/labor/property
		200 block N. Brandon Rd. Arrest: Poss. narcotic controlled subs.
		300 block N. Stage Coach Ln. Arrests: Poss. controlled subs paraphernalia
		200 block N. Stage Coach Ln. Arrest: Poss. controlled subs paraphernalia

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## County budget reflects residents' needs, builds framework for future



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**Tracy DeFore**

County of San Diego  
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With a new budget that responds to voices in the community and follows a Framework for the Future that fundamentally changes our operations, the Chief Administrative Officer's recommended budget was released May 6.

It calls for \$7.03 billion in fiscal year 2021-22 spending, an increase of 7.3% and a net increase of 660 additional staff years, excluding staff from the Air Pollution Control District which became an independent agency on March 1.

Investments in both funding and staff are designed to make an impact in these key areas:

**Justice system reform**

This budget prioritizes justice system reform, focusing on preventive over punitive measures and expanded reentry support for those who are involved in the justice system to reduce recidivism and result in more positive outcomes.

Medical care and access to

mental health services will be expanded throughout the jail system with 141 additional staff, and \$10 million will expand the Mobile Crisis Response Team program used as an alternative to dispatching law enforcement for individuals in crisis.

The County is also investing \$75 million for phase two of the new Youth Transition Campus to move away from a traditional correctional, punitive model that looks, feels, and operates like a jail to one that fosters a framework for positive youth development that is shown to support improved well-being and outcomes.

**Racial justice**

The newly formed Office of Equity and Racial Justice and the Human Relations Commission are working hand in hand with the community to create systemic change inside and outside of County government to ensure positive human relations and respect for everyone in the region.

Within the County, the goal is to create a culture of equity, belonging and racial justice. Community voices and employees will look at County operations through an

equity and racial justice lens for disparities. Their feedback and the enhanced use of data analysis will help root out systemic racism.

The new budget will also support new projects from the Office of Equity and Racial Justice such as the initiative designed to Uplift Boys and Men of Color.

**Behavioral health**

The budget also prioritizes support for behavioral health, dedicating almost \$813 million overall, including increases to redesign and enhance programs and services. This also includes mobile outreach for clients reluctant to engage in traditional settings, lowering staff-to-client ratios, enhancing crisis stabilization services, and helping ensure behavioral health clients are placed at the correct level of care possibly reducing emergency room use.

The budget also funds \$3.2 million for 23 nurses supporting the San Diego County Psychiatric Hospital, which provides critical crisis stabilization and inpatient behavioral health services to some of San Diego County's most vulnerable residents, as well as

additional mental health support for adults and youth involved in the justice system.

**Health equity**

The COVID-19 pandemic underscores the need for health equity. The recommended budget invests \$226.9 million toward continued response to COVID-19 and includes diversely targeted outreach for hard-hit neighborhoods and other vulnerable populations, continued testing, treatment and tracing efforts, and meals to at-risk seniors. The budget also increases funding to help every person live the healthiest life possible. This includes 166 additional positions to meet increased demand for safety net services including the CalFresh and Medi-Cal programs, and provides extra staffing for Adult Protective Services, In-Home Supportive Services and Child Welfare Services.

**Economic opportunity**

The new budget along with an anticipated allocation of \$650 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding is focused on economic recovery. The funding

will provide senior and youth services, small business stimulus funds, permit fee waivers for the events industry, expanded broadband access, infrastructure, child care subsidies, food assistance and mental health services.

**Homelessness**

The budget calls for new ways to make progress on this critical issue, including the creation of a Department of Homeless Solutions and Equitable Communities to streamline operations that are spread across several County agencies. The budget also includes 19 new positions and a \$2.5 million increase for Community Care Coordination programs to support veterans, youth and high-need individuals with housing and other assistance. Separately, the Board of Supervisors has created a framework for the approximately \$650 million to be received through the American Rescue Plan Act with \$85 million currently earmarked for services to support those who are homeless.

see **BUDGET**, page D-4

## Endangered condor egg hatches in Northern California's wild

**The Associated Press**

A California condor egg has hatched in Northern California's wild, the newest member of Pinnacles National Park's recovery program for the endangered species.

The egg hatched April 12 after two months of round-the-clock incubation by both parents who protected their fragile egg from the elements and potential predators, park rangers said in a social media post.

Their nest has a video camera installed to help with monitoring and videos shared by the National Park Service this week show one parent feeding the fluffy chick while the other stands guard by the entrance to their refuge.

Since 2003, park rangers at Pinnacles, a 26,000-acre park in rural San Benito County about 120 miles (193 kilometers) south of San Francisco, and Ventana Wildlife Society wildlife biologists have managed a release site at the park for captive-bred California condors.

The parents have been a pair for about five years, and this is their third offspring. They are condors 589, which is managed by the park and 569, managed by

Ventana Wildlife Society.

"Condors typically only have one chick every two years. 589 and 569 are clearly doing their part to help their species and maintain their status as a Pinnacles power couple," park rangers wrote.

The chick, named 1078, still must survive six more months in the nest, relying on its parents completely for food, protection and companionship.

"If all goes well, 1078 will learn to fly sometime in mid-October and will then spend up to another year with its parents, slowly gaining more independence as they show it how to find food and integrate into the wild condor flock," park officials wrote.

One of the world's largest birds with a wingspan up to 10 feet (3 meters), the condor once patrolled the sky from Mexico to British Columbia. But its population plummeted to the brink of extinction in the 1970s because of lead poisoning, hunting and habitat destruction.

In the 1980s, wildlife officials captured the last remaining 22 condors and took them to the San Diego and Los Angeles zoos to be protected and bred in captivity. After up to a year at the zoo,

chicks are taken to a release site such as Pinnacles National Park. There and in other sanctuaries, they scavenge, breed and raise chicks on their own, under the close watch of wildlife biologists who outfit them with a visual ID tag and at least one radio transmitter. Some birds are also given GPS transmitters.

California condors have been making a comeback in the wild and now occupy parts of California's Central Coast, Arizona, Utah and Baja California, Mexico. The total wild population now numbers more than 300 birds.

Condors can live for 60 years and fly vast distances, which is why their range could extend into several states.

But the vultures still face threats from exposure to mercury and the pesticide DDT. Biologists say the biggest danger is lead ammunition, which can poison them when they eat dead animals shot with lead bullets. California banned the use of lead ammunition near condor feeding grounds in 2008 and lead bullets in all hunting in 2019.

The birds have been protected as an endangered species by federal law since 1967 and by California state law since 1971.



Comparison of a turkey vulture and a California condor in flight.

Valley News/NPS/Gavin Emmons photo



# REGIONAL

## Whisper Not wins San Francisco Mile Stakes

**Joe Naiman**  
Village News Reporter

After winning a July 2020 stakes race in England, Whisper Not was sent to California for races at the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club and Santa Anita Park. He was entrusted to trainer Richard Baltas, who stabled the colt at the San Luis Rey Training Center in 2020 when he was not at a track.

Whisper Not made his Northern California debut April 24 at Golden Gate Fields and won the Grade 3 San Francisco Mile Stakes. "It was a very good race for him," Baltas said. "He relaxed nicely."

The San Francisco Mile Stakes was a one-mile turf race for horses three years old and upward. Baltas warned jockey Geovanni Franco not to let Whisper Not try to keep up early in the race. "I told him to kind of just sit off the speed," Baltas said.

Diamond Blitz broke first among the eight horses and also led for the first three-quarters of a mile. Whisper Not broke fifth, and after the first quarter-mile he was third and trailed Diamond Blitz by five lengths and second-place Keeper Ofthe Stars by one length while leading fourth-place Kiwi's Dream by a head.

Kiwi's Dream passed Whisper Not for third and after half a mile Kiwi's Dream had a half-length lead over Whisper Not, who was four lengths in front of fifth-place Brown Storm. Diamond Blitz was eight lengths in front of Keeper Ofthe Stars and nine lengths ahead of Whisper Not.

After three-quarters of a mile Diamond Blitz led Keeper Ofthe Stars by three lengths and Kiwi's Dream by 3 1/2 lengths. Whisper Not was a length in back of Kiwi's Dream and two lengths in front of Ohio, who had taken over fifth place.

The 4 1/2-length margin after

three-quarters of a mile was close enough for Whisper Not to have the lead as he entered the stretch 1:23.57 after the starter's gate was opened. Diamond Blitz had fallen to fifth by the beginning of the stretch while Kiwi's Dream was in eighth and last place. Whisper Not had a head lead over Keeper Ofthe Stars at the beginning of the stretch.

"The trip was wide," Baltas said. "I kind of wanted him to save ground, but it didn't work out that way."

The head lead over Keeper Ofthe Stars was also the margin of victory. Keeper Ofthe Stars

finished two lengths in front of third-place Restrainedvengeance. Whisper Not had a winning time of 1:36.94.

"I'm very happy with it," Baltas said.

The win was the fourth for Whisper Not in 10 career starts and his second victory in America. He finished first in his previous race March 6 at Santa Anita.

Whisper Not was foaled in England on March 13, 2017, with Poet's Voice as his sire and Poyle Meg as his dam. He ran five races in England before starting his career in America.

## Deputy fatally shoots assault suspect who was allegedly wielding a crowbar

**City News Service**

A deputy shot and killed a man who allegedly advanced toward a deputy while wielding a crowbar during a confrontation west of Perris, sheriff's officials said.

Deputies responded to an assault with a deadly weapon call at 7:21 p.m. May 7, in the 22000 block of Margarth Street

and learned that a man had struck another person with a crowbar during an argument, according to the Riverside County Sheriff's Department.

When deputies arrived at the location, they found the man in a nearby field still in possession of the crowbar, Sgt. Lionel Murphy said.

Deputies fired a Taser at the man after he failed to comply

with commands, but it was ineffective, according to Murphy.

"The suspect advanced toward one of the deputies with the crowbar in his hand and a deputy involved shooting occurred. One deputy fired his service weapon striking the suspect. The crowbar was recovered at the scene," Murphy said.

Deputies provided medical aid to the man, who was taken to a

hospital, where he later died of his injuries.

His identity was withheld pending notification of his family. No deputies were injured and the victim of the assault suffered non-life threatening injuries, which did not require medical treatment, authorities said.

The deputy involved in the shooting was not publicly identified and was placed on

administrative leave per sheriff's department policy.

The Riverside County District Attorney's Office will lead the investigation into the shooting with the assistance of the sheriff's Force Investigations Detail.

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## Dorland Mountain Arts offering events for writers, artists and musicians

**Tony Ault**  
Staff Writer

The Dorland Mountain Arts community in the hills above Temecula announced a series of spring events for accomplished and hopeful artists, writers and musicians in the valley.

Dorland Mountain Arts, 36701 Highway 79 outside Temecula Wine Country, is a place where accomplished artists find inspiration and relaxation from stays at the mountain retreat that offers programs for creative persons. There are five fully self-contained cottages for rent, monthly programs, hiking trails and views of the valley.

With some COVID-19 restrictions being lifted Dorland, a nonprofit agency, is now accepting eight-week cottage residencies to accomplished artists, writers and musicians; an artists' showcase

at the Temecula Valley Museum, 3 Mercedes St. in Temecula through June 20; "Wine and Bite Meetups" at the center most Wednesdays to meet the artists and musicians; table theater readings; a transformational creative coaching workshop and other workshops through the spring and into the summer.

A table theater reading on "table manners" will be held from 1 to 3 p.m., May 16 where writers, artists and the public can read at the center outside under the pavilion. Masks are required and six-foot social distancing. Those interested are asked to RSVP.

The Transformational Creative Coaching Workshop is scheduled for May 2 with Tressa Berman, Ph.D. Creatives can learn new ways of thinking about and recognizing their own saboteurs and obstacles with the proceeds to benefit Dorland scholarships.

Details about the virtual workshop will be available through the center.

The center will be hosting other in-person Associate Artist art,

writing and music gatherings. Poetry and art critiques and socials at the center or on social media are also being planned. For more information or to register for

events, [www.dorlandartscolony.org](http://www.dorlandartscolony.org) or [info@dorlandartscolony.org](mailto:info@dorlandartscolony.org).

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## Newsom appoints LMU professor, lawyer to reparations task force

City News Service

Loyola Marymount University professor Cheryl Grills and attorney Lisa Holder of Los Angeles were among the five people appointed by Gov. Gavin Newsom May 7 to the newly formed Task Force to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans.

The task force will inform Californians about slavery and explore ways the state might provide reparations. Its members will meet over the next year and conclude their work with a written report on their findings, along with recommendations which will be

provided to the Legislature.

The nine-member task force was created in a bill by then-Assemblywoman Shirley Weber (D-San Diego), now California's secretary of state.

The bill creating the task force required one of its members to be from academia with expertise in civil rights, a requirement filled by Grills' appointment.

Two additional members of the task force will be appointed by the state Senate and two others by the Assembly.

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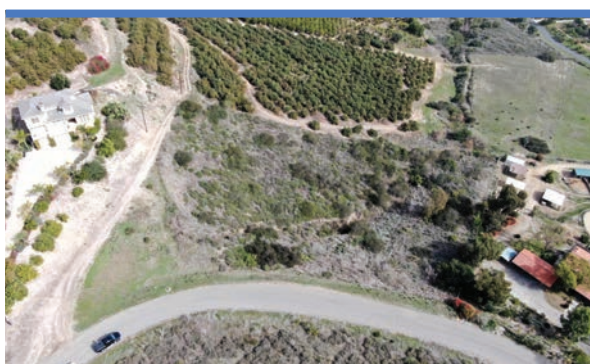
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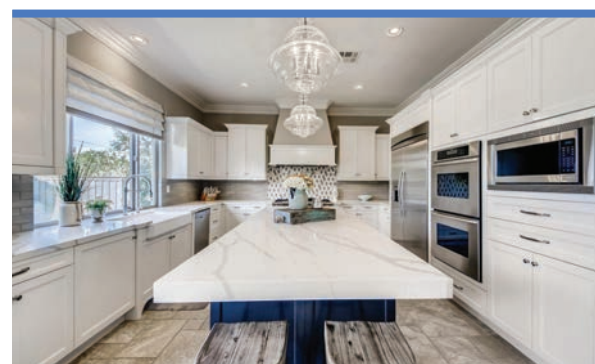
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# Group protests ‘animal captivity’ at SeaWorld San Diego

**City News Service**

About 20 people attended a protest May 8, at SeaWorld San Diego, part of the ninth annual “Empty The Tanks Worldwide Event” seeking to bring awareness to the plight of captive whales and dolphins.

The protest began at SeaWorld Drive and SeaWorld Way at 11:30 a.m. and was among more than 70 similar events planned around the world, organizer Ellen Ericksen said.

She said the group was also trying to get the San Diego City Council at its next meeting to stop the SeaWorld fireworks show,

happening now on Fridays and Saturdays at about 8 p.m.

The fireworks’ displays damage the environment, scare residents’ pets, and are too loud for nearby residents, Ericksen said.

The protest crowd in past years, before the pandemic, usually numbered about 100, she said.

“This pandemic is a game-

changer,” she said.

Ericksen plans to hold one or two protests at SeaWorld every month. The animals at SeaWorld are being held “like captive criminals; it’s horrible and it will end,” the longtime activist said. “People are waking up.”

SeaWorld has 10 orcas, and Ericksen says one has been locked

in captivity for 54 years.

The company did not immediately respond to a request for comment, but SeaWorld’s website says its core values include “love for world life, commitment and sacrifice, and conservation.”

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## BUDGET

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### Housing accessibility and affordability

The federal allocation of \$107 million will continue offering rental assistance through the Emergency Rental Assistance Program. The budget also includes increased funding for the CalWORKs Housing Support program to help families in need find and retain permanent housing and \$2.7 million to encourage development of Accessory Dwelling Units, or ADUs, by waiving permit and impact fees and offering pre-approved plans to save time and cost.

### Environmental protection

The budget calls for \$104.5 million for environmental protection and includes reducing greenhouse gas emissions, planting trees, acquiring at least 500 acres of land for open space, protecting water quality and agriculture, and diverting waste from landfills. Funding will also broaden the Environmental Justice Element in the County’s General Plan to reduce pollution exposure and promote public facilities, food access, safe and sanitary

homes, and physical activities in underserved communities.

### Government transparency

The budget provides resources to support a new subcommittee to enhance accessibility and open government within County operations that includes engaging the public in the County budget and Board of Supervisors meetings. The subcommittee will also review and assess a Public Records Act portal, accessing archived public records and the County’s email retention policy.

### Community investments

The budget calls for \$279.6 million in capital projects to improve communities throughout the region. This includes a new Otay Mesa Fire Station, new Casa De Oro Library and Julian Library Community Room, and more than \$70 million for new parks, trails and recreational areas to enjoy the outdoors and preserve open space.

### Budget timeline and how to comment

The public can watch budget presentations by several County departments to the Board of Supervisors on Wednesday, May 26 and Thursday, May 27.

Budget hearings will begin at 9 a.m. on Monday, June 14. An evening hearing will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 16.

The public can get more information through the online budget portal and the recommended operational plan. The public can also submit comments to the Board through e-comment. The online comments can be submitted until budget hearings close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 23.

Those who want to participate in the Board meetings remotely by speaking via teleconference must fill out the online Board of Supervisors tele-comments form and submit it before the start of the meeting. After submitting the form, you will receive instructions on how to call in to the meeting.

Following the close of budget hearings, the Board will deliberate and is scheduled to adopt the budget at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 29.

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# NATIONAL

## EU says US stand on patent virus waiver is no “magic bullet”



German Chancellor Angela Merkel puts her face mask on after a news conference after the informal EU summit and the EU-China summit in Berlin, Germany May 8. Merkel reiterated her stance that the shortage of vaccines worldwide would not be solved by a waiver of patents, as suggested by President Biden.

**Raf Casert and Barry Hatton**  
The Associated Press

European Union leaders cranked up their criticism of the U.S. call

to waive COVID-19 vaccine patents, arguing the move would yield no short-term or intermediate improvement in vaccine supplies and could even have a negative

impact. On the second day of an EU summit in Portugal, the European leaders instead urged Washington to lift export restrictions if it wants

to have a global impact on the pandemic.

“We don’t think, in the short term, that it’s the magic bullet,” European Council President Charles Michel said. French President Emmanuel Macron insisted that giving any priority now to a discussion of intellectual property rights “is a false debate.”

Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany, home to many Big Pharma companies, went the farthest of all, cautioning that relaxing patent rules could harm efforts to adapt vaccines as the coronavirus mutates.

“I see more risks than opportunities,” Merkel said. “I don’t believe that releasing patents is the solution to provide vaccines for more people.”

Instead, the leaders joined previous EU calls for U.S. President Joe Biden to start boosting U.S. vaccine exports as a way to contain the global COVID-19 crisis, insisting that move was the most urgent need.

“I’m very clearly urging the U.S. to put an end to the ban on exports of vaccines and on components of vaccines that are preventing them being produced,” Macron said.

He mentioned the German company CureVac, saying it could not produce a vaccine in Europe because the necessary components were blocked in the United States. Hundreds of components can go into a vaccine.

Merkel said she hoped that “now that large parts of the American population have been vaccinated, there will be a free exchange of (vaccine) ingredients.”

“Europe has always exported a large part of its European (vaccine) production to the world, and that should become the rule,” the longtime German leader said.

While the U.S. has kept a tight

lid on exports of American-made vaccines so it can inoculate its own population first, the EU has become the world’s leading provider, allowing about as many doses to go outside the 27-nation bloc as are kept for its 446 million inhabitants.

The EU has distributed about 200 million doses within the bloc while about the same amount has been exported abroad to almost 90 countries.

“First of all, you must open up,” Macron said in addressing the United States. “First of all, the Anglo-Saxons must stop their bans on exports.”

The EU is trying to regain the diplomatic initiative on vaccines after Biden put it on the back foot with his surprising endorsement of lifting patent protections on COVID-19 vaccines, seeking to solve the problem of getting shots into the arms of people in poorer countries.

Macron and other EU leaders have insisted that production capacity first must be ramped up by reconfiguring factories so they can quickly start producing vaccines through a transfer of technology.

“Today, there is not a factory in the world that cannot produce doses for poor countries because of a patent issue,” Macron said.

Developed nations should also increase vaccine donations to poorer countries, the EU leaders say in arguing that talking about patent waivers alone won’t cut it.

“We are willing to go into that discussion, but then we need a real 360-degree view on it,” European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said.

Casert reported from Brussels. Sylvie Corbet in Paris and Frank Jordans in Berlin contributed.

## Residents left big metros during pandemic for family, study says

**Mike Schneider**  
Associated Press

Cece Linder was living in a 770-square-foot apartment outside Washington, D.C., last spring when the area went into lockdown because of the coronavirus pandemic.

In May 2020, after a few months of both living and working in the small space, Linder decided to leave the capital area and move into the 2,000-square-foot beachside home she jointly owns with her parents in Cocoa Beach, Florida. Now she gets to see the sun rise over the water each morning before work.

“If I’m teleworking anyway, why not move to this other place that is more visually attractive, it’s beachside, and someone can occasionally cook for me?” Linder said. “Though that didn’t exactly work out. My mom has me cooking for them.”

Linder was not alone in her thinking. According to a new study and data from the U.S. Census Bureau, she was one of thousands of people who migrated out of the nation’s largest metropolitan areas and into smaller ones during the pandemic.

The study found that, like Linder, many of the migrants weren’t driven by new jobs or weather — or even a fear of the virus — but a desire to be closer to family and a freedom to make it happen because of remote working. Although the pattern of people moving from larger to smaller cities has been going on for several years, the pandemic exacerbated that trend, said Peter Haslag of Vanderbilt University, who conducted the study on migrant motivations with Daniel Weagley of Georgia Tech. Their paper has not yet been published.

The data adds to understanding of how the pandemic has changed where and how Americans live. The moves were most common among those with higher incomes and more job flexibility. If the trends continue, it could have long-term implications for real estate markets, tax bases and the wealth inequality in cities, according to researchers.

“For us, the question is, is this a temporary blip or is it going to continue?” Haslag said. “If work-from-home really is going to be a factor in job and company decisions, and by allowing work and location to be separate decisions, people are going to be able to optimize their locations, if they have the right jobs.”

The Census Bureau data shows that the New York metro area — which was hit early by the new coronavirus — declined by about 108,000 residents, or 0.5%. Roughly 216,000 residents moved out of the metropolitan area, but the natural increase from births



Los Angeles experienced greater population declines last year compared to the previous year: around 0.5% last year compared to 0.3% in 2019. Valley News/ Shane Gibson photo

and gains in international migration offset the departures. The New York metro area has experienced decelerated growth over the past several years, but last year’s decline was a bigger bite of the Big Apple than in 2019, when it lost 60,000 residents.

The nation’s next largest metro areas — Los Angeles and Chicago — also experienced greater population declines last year compared to the previous year: around 0.5% last year compared to 0.3% in 2019 for both metros. San Francisco also had a drop of around 0.5% last year compared to a 0.1% gain in 2019.

“I think some core urban counties like Manhattan, San Francisco and others may have taken a bigger brunt of pandemic-related out-movement, as well as lower immigration,” William Frey, a senior fellow at The Brookings Institution, said. “Overall, it was a year of slow growth with selective movement out of some urban centers.”

Smaller metros in the Sun Belt and West, several with large communities of vacation homes, saw the biggest population gains last year, mostly driven by migration. Led by the Florida retirement community The Villages, the metros seeing population increases between 3% and 4% included St. George, Utah; Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; Austin, Texas; and Coeur d’Alene, Idaho.

Sun Belt megalopolises, such as Dallas, Houston and Phoenix, also grew last year, though not as much as their smaller cousins.

The Census Bureau data captured changes in states, metros and counties between July 1, 2019, and July 1, 2020. The last third of that time-frame overlapped with the first three months of the spread of the virus in the U.S. Population-change estimates are different from the 2020 census, a head count of every U.S. resident that determines how many congressional seats each state gets. Those numbers were released last week. Population changes are estimated using data on births, deaths and migration.

Haslag and Weagley estimate

that 10% to 20% of the 300,000 interstate moves they studied between April 2020 and February 2021 were influenced by the pandemic. Their study used four years of long-distance moving data obtained from UniGroup, the parent company of United Van Lines and Mayflower Transit.

Job-related reasons for moving dropped from 46.6% of responses before the pandemic to 34.5% after the start of the pandemic in the U.S. in March 2020, while the desire to be closer to family jumped from 24.7% to 29.9%. The researchers theorized the jump for family reasons was due to people wanting to create social “bubbles” with family members, and the drop in job-related reasons was due to remote working and the decoupling of jobs from offices.

“It’s not really about the infection rate when it comes to moving. It’s about all the other things that came with the pandemic, whether it was to be closer to family or work from home,” Haslag said. “That was really surprising to us.”

Higher-income households moved less because of job loss or to take a new job than for other reasons such as lifestyle or the ability to work remotely. In fact, 75% of those who cited the ability to work remotely had annual household earnings of \$100,000 or more. Lower-income households were more likely to move for financial reasons such as job loss or to move to a place with a lower cost of living, the researchers said.

David Mann and his wife, Lauren, had been wanting to move to the southeast from Dallas to be closer to family and friends for some time, but it was the pandemic that made it possible. Knowing they could work from home in their jobs in supply-chain consulting and merchandise planning, they made the leap and moved to Atlanta last summer.

“Working from home gave us the opportunity to move without having to look for new jobs,” Mann said.

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# Court upholds California governor's use of emergency powers

**Don Thompson**  
The Associated Press

California Gov. Gavin Newsom's use of emergency powers to make far-reaching policies during the pandemic was upheld Wednesday by state appellate judges who rejected a lower court finding that the Democrat had done too much unilaterally.

Three judges from the 3rd District Court of Appeal in Sacramento ruled unanimously that the prior judge "erred in interpreting the Emergency Services Act to prohibit the Governor from issuing quasi-legislative orders in an emergency."

"We conclude the issuance of such orders did not constitute an unconstitutional delegation of legislative power," Presiding Justice Vance Raye wrote in ruling on a lawsuit brought by Republican state legislators.

The court already had stayed

the earlier ruling by Sutter County Superior Court Judge Sarah Heckman that Newsom unconstitutionally usurped the Legislature's power.

Heckman more broadly issued an injunction — which also had been temporarily halted by the appeals court — barring Newsom from issuing any orders under the California Emergency Services Act that amended state laws or legislative policy.

Newsom did so dozens of times during the pandemic in what amounted to one-man rule, Assemblymen James Gallagher and Kevin Kiley said.

The appeals court said the lower court rulings raised "matters of great public concern regarding the Governor's orders in the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic emergency" but agreed with the governor's contention that he acted within the broad emergency authority granted him under state law in

times of crisis.

The appeals court relied on a section of the law that says the governor shall "have complete authority over all agencies of the state government and the right to exercise within the area designated all police power vested in the state by the Constitution and laws of the State of California."

Kiley and Gallagher said they would appeal to the state Supreme Court.

The appeals court reached "a startling conclusion: that a State of Emergency gives a California Governor 'the power to legislate.' The California Supreme Court has repeatedly held this is forbidden by our State Constitution," the two lawmakers said in a statement.

"The issue now squarely presented for the high court is whether the separation of powers still exists in California," they said, expressing confidence that the justices "will uphold this



Three judges from the 3rd District Court of Appeal in Sacramento ruled unanimously to overturn a ruling by state appellate judges that California Gov. Gavin Newsom's use of emergency powers was unconstitutional.

bedrock principle of constitutional government."

Newsom's office called the ruling "a win for public safety and all Californians."

The decision "upholds the state's ability to save lives and protect Californians in response to a disaster — whether an earthquake, wildfire, or this unprecedented pandemic," his administration said in a statement.

The governor faces a recall election this fall driven in large part by frustration with his management of the crisis. His office said the emergency efforts "have been critical to protecting public health during the pandemic."

Newsom issued the nation's first statewide lockdown order in March 2020 and followed up with a torrent of executive orders, acting unilaterally on everything from halting evictions to allowing marriages to be conducted by video or teleconference.

He also suspended school deadlines, gave consumers and businesses more time to pay taxes, changed the rules for public meetings, suspended medical privacy rules, and allowed grocery stores to hand out free single-use

bags, among many other changes.

The lawsuit itself centered on just one executive order requiring election officials to open hundreds of locations statewide where voters could cast ballots, despite the potential health risk.

The Legislature subsequently approved the same requirement, which Newsom said showed he was working with lawmakers. The assemblymen said it showed the governor could often have used the usual legislative process.

The appeals court said that portion of the claim was moot because the governor's order was superseded by the legislation which was directed at an election that has already occurred.

Heckman's ruling was the second time a judge in Sutter County reached the same conclusion, but the first ruling was also quickly halted.

Both countered other state and federal court decisions backing the governor's emergency powers, but the U.S. Supreme Court more recently has ruled that California unconstitutionally restricted indoor worship services, both in churches and in homes.

**FALLBROOK COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP & DESIGN REVIEW BOARD**  
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Monday, May 17, 2021  
7:00 PM  
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**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of the minutes for the meeting held April 19, 2021. **Voting item.**
5. Approval of the minutes for the special meeting held March 1, 2021. **Voting item.**
6. **PUBLIC FORUM.** Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Fallbrook Planning Group on any subject matter within the Group's jurisdiction but not on today's agenda. *Three-minute limitation. Non-discussion and non-voting item.*
7. Appointment of Jim Loge to the Fallbrook Planning Group Land Use Committee. **Voting item.**
8. Request for Site Plan Waiver. Revised signage plans for Circle K Store. Address: 4730 Hwy 76, Fallbrook. Contact: Sorin Enache (sorin@promotionplusinc.com). County Planner: Rachael Lindebrekke (rachael.lindebrekke@sdcounty.ca.gov) and Dag Bunne-meyer (dag.bunne-meyer@sdcounty.ca.gov). *Previously denied by Design Review Board Committee and continued from April 2021 Fallbrook Planning Group meeting. Design Review Board Committee. Community input. Voting item.*
9. Commercial plan and an alternate residential plan for the undeveloped 19.7 acres of Peppertree Park Villages, now referred to as Units 9 & 10. The south portion of the site (Unit 9) is 13.0 acres with plans for proposed 57 detached single-family condominiums. It remains the same for both alternatives. The proposed commercial plan is for 65,000 sq ft of commercial development on the remaining 6.7 acres. The proposed residential plan is for 67 multi-family condominiums in a townhouse configuration on the remaining 6.7 acres. Applicant: Duane Urquhart, (duane@ncinvests.com). County Planner: Jeff Smyser (jeffrey.smyser@sdcounty.ca.gov), Nick Gustafson (nicolas.gustafson@sdcounty.ca.gov), and Bronwyn Brown (bronwyn.brown@sdcounty.ca.gov). **Land Use Committee. Community input. Voting item.**
10. Fallbrook Planning Group to make a recommendation to the San Diego County Parks & Recreation Department regarding the naming of the new park on Fallbrook Street. **Parks & Recreation Committee. Community input. Voting item.**
11. Continuing discussion and recommendations on the social equity portion of the County Cannabis Ordinance. Discussion and recommendations on zoning. Discussion and recommendations on local input and control. Discussion and recommendations on other cannabis-related board directives and recommendations. County Planner: Donald Chase (donald.chase@sdcounty.ca.gov). **Ad-hoc Cannabis Ordinance Committee. Community Input. Voting item.**
12. Adjournment

**NOTE:** The Fallbrook Planning Group occasionally has openings on its Land Use Committee (Chair Eileen Delaney: eileendelaney@mail@gmail.com), Circulation Committee (Chair Roy Moosa: 760-723-1181), Parks & Recreation Committee (Chair Stefani Baxter: sbaxter.fpg@gmail.com), Public Facilities Committee (Chair Roy Moosa: 760-723-1181), and Design Review Committee (Chair Eileen Delaney: eileendelaney@mail@gmail.com) for non-elected citizens. *There are currently vacancies on the Circulation Committee, Parks & Recreation Committee, and Public Facilities Committee.* Interested persons are directed to please contact the respective committee chair. **This is a preliminary agenda. If any changes are made, a final agenda will be posted at the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce (111 S Main Avenue) at least 72 hours prior to the meeting as well as in the digital Dropbox (bit.ly/FallbrookPlanningGroup).** To sign up for notifications for the digital Dropbox, please contact Ross L. Pike (rosspike.fallbrook@gmail.com) or visit bit.ly/FallbrookPlanningGroup.



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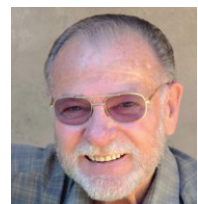
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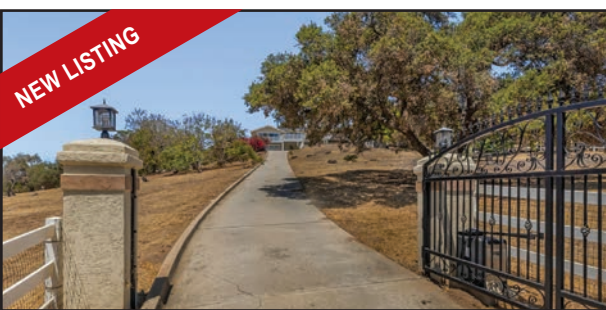
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