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LOCAL FPUD approves 2020 rates

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Joe Naiman Village News Correspondent

The Fallbrook Public Utility District approved FPUD rates and other charges for calendar year 2020.

FPUD's board vote 4-0, Dec. 9, with Don McDougal absent, adopted the 2020 rates and charges for water, recycled water and wastewater delivery and services. Water and wastewater rates will increase by 8% while the increase for recycled water will be 4.5%.

"This was just in accordance with the long-term financial plan," Jack Bebee, FPUD general manager, said. "This was the adoption of rates for the upcoming calendar year."

The five-year financial plan was adopted in 2018. The annual rate approval allows for some updates based on changes in expected sales, capital improvements and other circumstances.

The changes in the financial projections include revising the budgeted sales of water for fiscal year 2019-2020 from 9,100 acrefeet to just over 8,000 acrefeet while revising the annual sales projections for fiscal year 2020-2021 and beyond from 9,100 to

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A year in review



WWII veteran Ross Russo, 93, gives U.S. Army SPC Joey Paulk a welcome home gift and chats with him during a tour of Paulk's new Home for Our Troops house in Fallbrook, presented to him Sept. 7.See story on page A-4.

Village News/ Shane Gibson photo

Mountains get a white Christmas

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Palomar Mountain is covered in snow in this view from a house in Fallbrook, Dec. 26. Snowstorms hit the area on Christmas Day and the following morning.

Village News/Wayne Taylor photo

Sheriff's Department searching for Chase Bank robber

Village News Staff

San Diego County Sheriff's Department deputies and investigators are searching for a man who suspected of robbing Chase Bank in Fallbrook Friday, Dec. 27, just after 1:30 p.m.

According to Lt. Amavisca, a white male between the ages of 55-65, wearing gray slacks and shirt with a black tie with a white, curly wig on his head, walked up to a teller at the bank and presented a demand note.

No weapon was used, and no estimate was given on how much money the suspect made away with.

The department said the suspect could be bald and is about 5-foot-10 with a slim build.

The department's crime suppression team had left the bank at 1091 S. Mission Road by 2:40 p.m.

Anyone with information is asked to call (760) 451-3100 and reference the bank robbery.



Chase Bank in Fallbrook was robbed Friday, Dec. 27, at roughly 1:30 p.m. by a Village News/Julie Reeder photo white male wearing a white, curly wig.

USPS Residential Customer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sons of Norway Svalbard Lodge #2-33 will be 85 years old



A DVD on Sons of Norway Svalbard Lodge Village News/Courtesy photo #2-33 in Alaska will be shown at the Jan. 4 meeting of Vinland Lodge in Temecula.

TEMECULA – The local Sons of Norway Vinland Lodge President David Moe used to be a member of the Alaskan Svalbard Lodge #2-33 which will be celebrating its 85th Anniversary next year. In 2010, the group made a celebratory DVD for their 75th Anniversary.

Vinland Lodge will be showing that DVD at the Jan. 4 meeting. The DVD is full of lodge history and accordion playing of Norwegian folk songs. Lodge members would love to have visitors join them for the viewing.

For more information, contact David Moe at (951) 301-1391 or ha26moe@outlook.com, or Ronna Clymens at (951) 849-1690 or rlclymens@yahoo.com.

Submitted by Sons of Norway Vinland Lodge.

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Women's connection to hear about Fallbrook's history



Author Rebecca Farnbach will talk about Village News/Courtesy photo Fallbrook History at the women's connection brunch.

FALLBROOK – Fallbrook Women's Connection will host a historic program about Fallbrook, which will include brunch at the Grand Tradition Estate & Gardens, Friday, Jan. 17, from 10 a.m. until noon.

Rebecca Farnbach is a go-to person for the history of Fallbrook and Temecula. She is the past president of the Temecula Valley Historical Society, founder of the Vail Ranch Restoration Association and co-author of "Images of America – Fallbrook" and will share the history of Fallbrook.

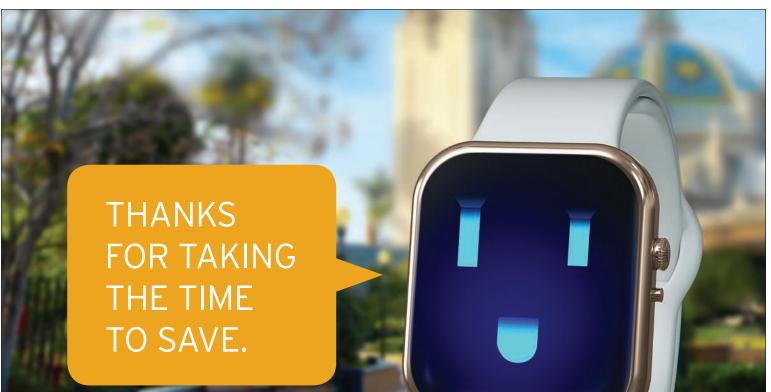
Guest speaker Darlene Incando – an author and business owner – will present family insights in "Whose Kid Are you?" and pianist Jean Dixon will provide the background

Fallbrook

music. The cost per ticket is \$25 for adults which includes brunch prepared by The Grand Tradition, 220 Grand Tradition Way, located at the corner of South Mission and Grand Tradition Way near the Econo Lodge.

Free child care will be provided for younger children with reservations. To make a reservation, call Ginny at (760) 723-3633 or Marilyn at (760) 728-2866 or email *Fallbrookwomen@roadrunner. com.* Sponsored by Stonecroft.

Submitted by Fallbrook Women's Connection.



WOW program to be about trauma intervention

FALLBROOK – The January Woman of Wellness program will be about "Emotional First Aid Skills." This event was scheduled to take place in November and had to be canceled due to unforeseen circumstances, so Fallbrook Regional Health District has rescheduled it for January.

While WOW usually take place on the first Thursday of the month, this one is scheduled on the second Thursday – Jan. 9, at Fallbrook Library, 124 S. Mission Road.

Many people struggle to find the right words to say at a time of crisis, so Sher DeWeese, Executive Director of Trauma Intervention Programs, will present "Emotional First Aid Skills" and discuss the appropriate way to interact with those who have recently experienced a trauma.

TIP works with the Police, Fire and Sheriff's departments, who call them when they go on scene of a trauma. TIP volunteers give emotional and practical support to the families involved in a tragedy.

TIP will be offering a training (referred to as an academy) in Fallbrook soon for anyone interested in becoming a TIP volunteer.

FRHD invites men and women to attend Woman of Wellness each first Thursday of the month. A social time begins at 6 p.m., followed by the presentation at 6:30 p.m. This is a free event with refreshments.

Donations of nonperishable food items are collected for the Fallbrook Food Pantry.

Submitted by Fallbrook Regional Health District.

Volunteer training sessions hosted by The Elizabeth Hospice

Meet new people, learn new skills, support your community

SAN DIEGO COUNTY -The Elizabeth Hospice invites individuals interested in helping adults and children impacted by serious illness and those grieving the death of a loved one to a free volunteer orientation session. Attendees will learn about a wide variety of opportunities that are available throughout San Diego County and Southwest Riverside County, including: serving as a patient companion, providing caregiver respite, performing aromatherapy, sewing Cuddle Bears, officiating at veteran pinning ceremonies, and much more. Information will be provided on both the application and training process. Whether serving as a patient care volunteer or helping in the office, being a volunteer with The Elizabeth Hospice is a role that will never be forgotten, by the volunteer or each life that is touched by this kind act. Prospective volunteers can choose from the following sessions:



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Time to save.

Friday, Jan. 10, 2020, from 1-2:30 p.m. at The Elizabeth Hospice office located at 500 La Terraza Blvd. Suite 130, Escondido 92025

Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2020, from 1-2:30 p.m. at The Elizabeth Hospice office located at 27720 Jefferson Ave., Suite 200, Temecula 92590

Thursday, Feb. 6, 2020, from 10- 11:30 a.m. at The Elizabeth Hospice office located at 500 La Terraza Blvd., Suite 130, Escondido 92025

To ensure a place at the volunteer orientation session, please contact the Volunteer Department at (800) 797-2050 or send an email to *volunteer@ehospice.org*.



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bono civil legal assistance for

veterans has been enhanced, and

animal adoption fees at shelters

for veterans adopting emotional

support animals will now be

Public safety will also be

impacted. Human trafficking

convictions are now included in

the list of crimes that disqualify

persons from driving for rideshare companies, and the statute of

limitations for felony domestic

violence has increased from

three to five years. The statute

of limitations to file a claim for

employment sexual harassment

was also extended from one to

three years. On the other hand,

earlier parole eligibility is now

possible for murderers, rapists

and other felons who were under

26 at the time of their crimes, and

convicted felons may now serve

on civil and criminal juries after

California's gig economy will

be heavily affected by the law

prohibiting or severely restricting

independent contracting. A long

list of exemptions for lawyers,

accountants, engineers, some

health professionals and many

others was written into the law.

Other, less well-connected

occupations like rideshare

drivers, independent truckers and

completing their sentences.

waived.

OPINION

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Drivers need to watch out for pedestrians

We all know Fallbrook is a dangerous place to be a pedestrian, but I witnessed such a close call as a driver, I decided to at least pen a letter to remind my fellow Fallbrookians that pedestrians in crosswalks, marked or unmarked, have right of way over cars.

One of the best-marked crosswalks in Fallbrook, at Aviation and South Main Avenue in front of Trupiano's, seems to be both the most disregarded and the most dangerous. My husband and father-in-law were witnesses when a pedestrian died there early in 2019, mowed down by a minivan turning left from Aviation onto S Main.

Today, traveling south on Main Avenue after passing the Major Market plaza, I stopped for a female pedestrian at the same Aviation crosswalk after at least three cars in both directions failed to do so. The driver immediately behind me stopped safely, but the car behind us ended up in the turn lane to avoid a rear-end collision. It gets worse!

As the pedestrian crossed in front of me and into the northbound lane, the driver of a gray SUV making a right turn from Aviation nearly mowed her down, despite my frantic honking. I could see the driver was only looking to her left at the oncoming traffic, oblivious to the crosswalk. If the pedestrian hadn't jumped out of the way, she would have been hit!

According to the California

Vehicle Code 21950, drivers "shall yield the right of way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection."

In the past few months since purchasing an electric bicycle (that I'm mostly afraid to ride to town), I've become much more aware of bicycles and pedestrians. Now an aggressive walker, you may see me walk in front of drivers at crosswalks, daring them not to yield (sometimes they don't, and I jump aside as they pass). Some drivers are very friendly and courteous; it's not everyone.

Fallbrook drivers: If you're driving down Main Avenue, maybe past Hawthorne where the crosswalk is only a change in the brick pattern, please know this is still a crosswalk, as it would be even if completely unmarked. We have enough problems in Fallbrook with long stretches of 4-lane Mission that lack crosswalks altogether. Let's all try to raise our awareness of pedestrians (and bikes) so that everyone can stay safe. Our town isn't very walkable, so drivers and pedestrians must both be extra vigilant.

I'm going to make it my personal goal for 2020 to improve the safety of that crosswalk at Aviation and South Main Avenue. If anyone wants to join me, give me a call or text, and we can work together: (858) 674-5749.

Lauren Brimmer

Re: 'Pro-Life is a killer' [Village News, Terrell Letter, 12/26/19]

Sorry but skewed facts are crazy to many of us as we have to consider the source of that information. When fact checked and vetted many of these are biased and skewed as I am being polite.

Forced Birth movement...is that the label you have put on anyone who believes abortion is murder and barbaric in this day and age? Last I checked it was against the law to fire someone from their job who was pregnant so where is the loss of a paycheck? I guess if you are a stripper that might be a bit of a problem dancing around a pole.

I don't know when you went to school but, in the early 1970s, we were taught safe sex classes and there was never any mention of abstinence! being countable. So why do we need this procedure?

Disproved myth of a lifetime of regrets? Again, unfounded facts. I have had friends who suffered with this guilt for most of their lives. I have counseled them. I have gone with several friends to Planned Parenthood who chose to abort their babies. I went to give them moral support and tell them I don't judge them; I love them no matter what.

Margaret Sanger was a proponent for abortion and many years ago now I watched a interview with her son who stated on national TV that a few years before she died she changed her views on abortion and she became a Christian and she asked God to forgive her. So at least her story had a happy ending.

New laws for the new year



Assemblymember Marie Waldron Special to Valley News

Effective Jan. 1, hundreds of new laws went into effect. Some residents may have heard about, but others possibly not.

Several of the new laws impact veterans. Among these are legislation that makes honorably discharged veterans exempt from paying state or local business license fees for selling or providing services, if the veteran is sole proprietor. Another law exempts automotive adaptive equipment sold to veterans with service-connected disabilities from sales and use taxes. Pro

Facebook and The Epoch Times

The Epoch Times has been banned from buying ads on Facebook, not for their right-wing content, but because they were using hundreds of fake accounts with facial images created by artificial intelligence, thus violating Facebook requirements for transparency in political advertising.

However, I noticed that The Epoch Times still contributes weekly articles to our own Village News.

Jim Dooley

The Epoch Times responds to Facebook's false claims

Recently you may have seen news reports about Facebook accusing The Epoch Times of being linked to wrongdoing by another media outlet. We want to explain what the fuss is about.

Facebook's statement, Dec. 20, which intended to expose deceptive social media practices by a website called "The BL," attempted to tie that site to Epoch Media Group, which includes The Epoch Times in its network of companies. This claim has been thoroughly debunked by Epoch Times publisher Stephen Gregory. "EMG has never been affiliated with BL and does not engage in or support the behavior BL is alleged to be involved in," Gregory said. Confusion may arise from the fact that The BL is connected with an independent company that used to be affiliated with EMG. However, EMG cut ties with that organization in October 2018. The fact-checking website Snopes reported that The BL has stated emphatically that there is no affiliation between it and EMG. In fact, at no time was The BL a part of EMG.

Fake news can spread and irresponsible statements made by Facebook have already been picked up by other media.

The Epoch Times publisher asked Facebook to issue a correction and set the record straight.

Gregory said he is "disappointed" by Facebook's actions and by its failure to contact EMG before releasing false allegations. He is asking Facebook to issue a retraction.

"We call upon Facebook to

newspaper freelancers did not get exemptions. New legislation to try to remedy all these issues is under consideration, and lawsuits and ballot initiatives are planned or underway.

For better or worse, these are just a few of the new laws that we will be living with in 2020.

Assembly Republican Leader Marie Waldron, R-Escondido, represents the 75th Assembly District in the California Legislature, which includes the communities of Bonsall, Escondido, Fallbrook, Hidden Meadows, Pala, Palomar Mountain, Pauma Valley, Rainbow, San Marcos, Temecula, Valley Center and Vista.

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Pro Choice people scream loudly anytime that option is to be included in the teaching. Just saying no to sex before marriages has been laughed at and ridiculed for decades now. I guess if you can Just Say No to Drugs why not sex before marriage?

Regarding Partial Birth Abortion: This method is used more often than the 1.3 percent you claim. But, for argument's sake, I ask why does the baby have to be murdered coming down the birth canal even when a mother's life is in danger? Can doctors not quickly and safely do a C section?

With today's technology a doctor and mother know when her life is an issue and always going to the extreme of a mother's life in danger doesn't even register on the scale as So sad for all the poor women with broken minds and hearts that followed her teachings. But each one of us has to take responsibility for our actions. There are many birth control methods, so pick one and stop this barbaric way of murdering an unborn baby.

I wonder how many people would abort puppies they don't want? Oh, wait that would be inhumane to do to a dog!

All they have to do is look at the beautiful children that they have later in life to wonder what their other child would have looked like, acted like, grown up to be I'm still there for you when you need a shoulder to cry on when the guilt sets in.

Diana Miller

Looking ahead in 2020

Supervisor Jim Desmond

5th District

It's been a fantastic first year as a San Diego County Supervisor and while I've learned a lot, none of it would be possible without you all. We've made some great strides at SANDAG, on behavioral health and Veterans Affairs as I mentioned last week. Locally, we initiated action with Chairwoman Jacob to dedicate \$28 million to unincorporated area road improvements and maintenance. As we look ahead to 2020, I wanted to highlight some items we will be looking at.

While we've scored some victories at SANDAG this year, we need to continue make sure north county commuters are heard. While public transportation works in downtown San Diego, we need to make sure we are getting a balanced transportation plan for all of San Diego County. I will continue to be vocal and make sure that we receive the promised projects.

We made a lot of strides on behavioral health in 2019 and we need to continue to make investments. North County was in a behavioral crisis last year. With our behavioral health team, we explored and implemented community-based Crisis Stabilization Units. We're working with Vista and Oceanside to provide these community-based centers to their cities. I'm hopeful we will have more beds open in the North County.

Also, we've spent a lot of time out in Borrego Springs working on a solution regarding groundwater resources. I'm hopeful in the upcoming year we will be able to implement some changes and collaboratively find a solution.

We were able to fund several parks last year including the Fallbrook Skatepark, Don Dussault Park and Clemmens Lane Park. I'm especially excited about the San Luis Rey River Park, which will connect from the coast to inland San Diego County.

Most importantly, we need to maintain fiscal responsibility. We know there are issues that need to be addressed but throwing money at them isn't always the solution. We need to continue to have strong reserves as the county of San Diego has always done. I hope everyone has a safe and Happy New Year and I'll check in with you all in 2020! set the record straight and issue another statement explaining that EMG is not 'linked' to BL, did not coordinate with BL, and is not responsible for BL's actions," Gregory said.

EMG and The Epoch Times are in the business of reporting the truth and other outlets, including social media companies like Facebook, should do the same.

For more information, see our article on this accusation at <u>www.</u> <u>theepochtimes.com/facebook-</u> <u>smears-epoch-media-group-</u> <u>with-false-claim-of-linkage-to-</u> <u>the-bl_3183172.html.</u>

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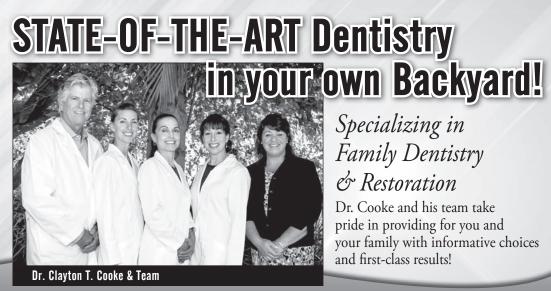
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Shane Gibson photo Lady Warrior Kaitlyn Gallagher reaches back for a shot against the Jaguars; Fallbrook won the game 15-3 win, Jan. 29, taking its fourth Valley League championship in five seasons.



Carlos Perez wins Fallbrook Chamber's Honorary Shane Gibson photo Mayor title for raising the most money for a local nonprofit, the Foundation for Senior Care, Sept. 18.



Chris Rinaldi photo A rainstorm doesn't stop walkers and runners from participating in the Fallbrook Village Rotary Club's annual Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving.



Downtown Fallbrook business owners complain about Shane Gibson photo a growing number of homeless people in the area as the faith community responds with outreach

Lucette Moramarco Associate Editor

delayed until this Jan. 17. While 2019 seemed to pass in the blink of an eye, there were many notable happenings in Fallbrook and Bonsall during those 12 months. Weather-wise, the year started out much the same way as it ended, wet and cold. More streets flooded in February than in recent storms which affected several holiday events. The biggest crime story of the year was the trial of Charles Merritt for the killing of the McStay family.

Other lengthy deliberations daily life here. The Sheriff's Senior that started in January include Volunteer Patrol started daily foot the transitioning to zone elections patrols in downtown Fallbrook in for most of our community May while members of several districts – all four school districts nonprofits have spent a good part (Bonsall Unified, Fallbrook Union of the year developing a proposed

June, but his sentencing has been

news; Merritt was found guilty in everyone to exercise their right to

Elementary, Fallbrook Union High Community Benefit District to fund School and Vallecitos), North local projects. County Fire Protection District and The San Diego Board of

vote in upcoming elections.

Volunteers played a big part in

Other issues that received a lot on the plans for the San Luis Rey of attention in the past year include River Park, particularly the Rio Prado section adjacent to Rancho homelessness, the coming of 5G wireless facilities, mail theft both Monserate Country Club mobile District and U.S. Marine Corps Base from home mail boxes and post home park which will be the most Camp Pendleton will share their office drop off boxes, vandalism and affected area.

graffiti. There were no easy solutions On a brighter note, an unusually high number of Painted Lady offered for any of them. The increasing traffic through Butterflies were seen all over town Rainbow Valley has caused ongoing during their migration north in problems that came to a head in July March and the Fallbrook Community

Area residents also provided input Conjunctive Use Project was signed time, Crestwood Fallbrook Healing the success of its growing JROTC by U.S. District Judge Gonzalo Center opened its doors at the site program as well as the girls field Curiel in April, officially settling how the Fallbrook Public Utility Elder Street. The Fallbrook Art Association

celebrated its 50th anniversary, water rights to the river. Veterans were not forgotten this its Gallery on North Main Avenue year. U.S. Army SPC Joey Paulk earlier in the year. received a house built especially for New faces around town include

him in Fallbrook from Home for Our the new executive director of Troops, Sept. 7. Two World War II the Foundation for Senior Care,

of the former Fallbrook Hospital on hockey team's winning the CIF championship in November, and Transportation Technology teacher Dennis Johnson being named a Sept. 28, 2019, and the opening of second-place winner of the 2019 Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching, Oct. 24.

The coming year will have its challenges, including the difficulties of Prop A failing at the ballot box

when a 13-year-old was killed in and leaving North County Fire with Fallbrook Regional Health District. Supervisors created the Fallbrook Garden was opened up to all residents veterans (Bill Hitt and Ernie Gale, Keith Birkfeld, while Fallbrook This process involved the input of Revitalization Committee at the a traffic accident on Old Highway Union High School District has a without fees in May, at the request of both of Rainbow) were honored with financial issues, and the upcoming new superintendent, Ilsa Garzaresidents who chose to participate request of our new supervisor, 395 at Rainbow Glen Road. Earlier students in the English as a Second Quilts of Valor, Nov. 10. state and national elections. While the trial took place in San in the process to ensure equal Jim Desmond. The committee, efforts in dealing with the county Ongoing fundraisers enabled the Gonzalez, and new principals for Local residents have made a good Language class at the Fallbrook Fallbrook Union High School District board president Bernardino, the family was from representation on those governing made up of local volunteers, met over this issue helped in achieving an Education Center. Fallbrook Food Pantry to buy its Fallbrook High, Dr. Narciso Iglesias, Courtesy photo start on looking for solutions to some Fallbrook and went missing almost boards. In September, many of those twice this year and is working on unusually quick response. A traffic Also, a landmark agreement, 68 own property and its new location as well as for Ivy and Oasis High of the town's problems, so here's Diane Summers, left, welcomes Ilsa Garza-Gonzalez as the new 10 years ago. Drawn out court same residents took part in National ways to improve the Fallbrook's signal at that location was put on the years in the making, was reached opened in September on North Schools, Michael Gray. hoping that they will continue to superintendent at the board meeting where her hiring was announced proceedings kept the case in the Voter Registration Day to encourage infrastructure, housing and public county's priority list in November. work together for the benefit of all. $M_{av} 6$. when the Santa Margarita River Brandon Road. At about the same Fallbrook High School celebrated





Joseph and Summer McStay and the couple's young sons – 4-year-old Gianni and Courtesy photo 3-year-old Joseph Jr. – disappeared in 2010 and their bodies were discovered in shallow graves

Rainbow residents have set up a memorial to Jorge Vazquez, the Lucette Moramarco photo 13-year-old who died in an accident at the intersection of Old Highway 395 and Rainbow Glen Road in Rainbow, July 23.



The Fallbrook High School Marine Corps JROTC Raiders Team took three first place Courtesy photo awards and placed second overall out of 22 teams at the Battle at Bandini competition, Feb. 23, at U.S. Marine Corps Base 29 Palms in California.

Drivers plow through floodwaters that covered Old Highway 395 Jeff Pack photo three and a half years later in a San Bernardino desert. Charles 'Chase' Merritt was convicted of in February 2019.



Coast Guard veteran Bill Hitt is wrapped in his

quilt of valor made by his family members, Nov. 10

killing the family in June.

Lucette Moramarco photo Gale is wrapped in his quilt made by the



Army veteran Ernest Lucette Moramarco photo Dr. Narciso Iglesias was named principal of Fallbrook Union High School in a unanimous vote by the Rancho Bernardo Chapter of Quilts of Valor. FUHSD Board of Trustees, Aug. 5.



Jeff Pack photo Fallbrook High Transportation Technology teacher Dennis Jeff Pack photo Johnson is named a second-place winner of the 2019 Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence, Oct. 24.



Puerta, left, and Miss Fallbrook Vanessa Hernandez are crowned March 30 at the annual pageant.



Fallbrook's Erin Murray lifts the CIF San Diego Section Emily Weber photo Division II trophy with her teammates following the Lady Warriors' win over San Marcos for the CIF San Diego Section Division II championship, Nov. 16.

Nonpartisan voters who want to vote for president: what you need to know

Tracy DeFore

San Diego County Communications Office

Calling all nonpartisan registered voters! If they vote by mail and want to vote for president, nonpartisan voters need to inform the Registrar of Voters which mail ballot they want by Jan. 6. Otherwise, the nonpartisan mail ballot will not show any presidential candidates. Several weeks ago, the registrar sent the county's nearly 350,000 nonpartisan mail ballot voters a pre-paid return postcard requesting their selection of ballot options for the March 3 primary election. If a voter is registered nonpartisan and just signed up to become a mail ballot voter, they can expect a postcard outlining their options sometime this week. S o far, nearly 37,000 nonpartisan voters have returned their postcards or reregistered. If that postcard became lost among all the holiday mail, here is what nonpartisan voters need to know.

The American Independent, Democratic and Libertarian parties are allowing nonpartisan voters to take part in their presidential primaries, but nonpartisan voters must request one of these ballots to vote for that party's presidential candidate. Their status as a nonpartisan voter will not change.

Without the postcard, nonpartisan voters can still go to www.sdvote.com to fill out the application and email it. Make sure they are registered to vote and listed as a nonpartisan mail ballot voter before filling it out.

The Green, Peace and Freedom and Republican parties are not allowing nonpartisan voters to take part in their presidential primaries. Nonpartisan voters wishing to vote for one of these parties' presidential candidates must reregister to do so.

All voters can check their registration, reregister and register to vote at www.sdvote.com. The registrar's office urges voters to do so well before the Feb. 18, registration deadline to avoid long delays on Election Day. For more information, call (858) 565-5800 or visit <u>www.sdvote.com</u>.

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8,500 acre-feet.

The plan also utilizes updated cost, debt service and yield numbers for the Santa Margarita River Conjunctive Use Project. The updates also adjust the capital improvement charges and capacity charges for new system connections to recover the proportionate cost of the existing and planned system serving the new customers based on the construction cost index inflation.

One unit, for the purposes of billing, is equal to 1,000 gallons. For domestic users the cost for the first through fifth units each month will increase from \$5.96 to \$6.44, the sixth through 30th unit cost will rise from \$6.05 to \$6.53, and each unit beyond the 30th which had been billed at \$7.37 will now be billed at \$7.96.

For homes with Special Agricultural Water Rate accounts, the first five units for each month will rise from \$5.96 to \$6.44, the cost for the sixth through 20th unit will change from \$5.12 to \$5.53, and the billing for each unit over 20 will increase from \$4.42 to \$4.77.

The first through fifth units for

commercial agriculture domestic accounts will also increase from \$5.96 to \$6.44, while subsequent units will rise from \$5.12 to \$5.53. All commercial agriculture units will increase from \$5.12 to \$5.53. Agriculture-only use for accounts with the Special Agriculture Water Rate will increase for each unit from \$4.42 to \$4.77.

All commercial units will rise from \$6.14 to \$6.63; all government account units will increase from \$6.04 to \$6.52, and all irrigation only units which had been \$6.15 will be \$6.44. All units for water furnished for construction purposes will be raised from \$7.60 to \$8.21.

Due to conditions involving San Diego County Water Authority and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California rebates, the rates for recycled water must be set at the higher of 85% of the lowest applicable potable water rate or 80% of the average of Tier 1 and Tier 2 rates. The recycled water cost per 1,000 gallons will increase from \$5.10 to \$5.51.

The monthly water fixed charges for each meter will increase from \$46.75 to \$50.49 for 3/4-inch meters, from \$71.37 to \$77.08 for 1-inch meters, from \$132.88 to \$143.51 for 1 1/2-inch meters, from \$206.71 to \$223.25 for 2-inch meters, from \$403.57 to \$435.86 for 3-inch meters, from \$625.05 to \$675.05 for 4-inch meters and from \$1,240.26 to \$1,339.48 for 6-inch meters.

The standby service charge will be raised from \$20.98 to \$22.66 for 3/4inch meters, from \$28.41 to \$30.68 for 1-inch meters, from \$46.97 to \$50.73 for 1 1/2-inch meters, from \$69.24 to \$74.78 for 2-inch meters, from \$128.66 to \$138.95 for 3-inch meters, from \$195.50 to \$211.14 for 4-inch meters and from \$381.15 to \$411.64 for 6-inch meters.

FPUD also has a monthly service charge to cover the district's cost for annual inspection, maintenance and replacement of backflow prevention devices. That charge will increase from \$5.16 to \$5.57 for each 3/4inch device, from \$6.07 to \$6.56 for each 1-inch device, from \$11.23 to \$12.13 for each 1 1/2-inch device, from \$13.47 to \$14.55 for each 2-inch device, from \$26.92 to \$29.07 for each 3-inch device, from \$42.06 to \$45.42 for each 4-inch device and from \$84.10 to \$90.83 for each 6-inch device.

MWD has a readiness-to-serve charge, which is set on a fiscal year basis and becomes effective July 1. The San Diego County Water Authority's share is allocated to member agencies based on a 10-year rolling average of demands, and FPUD's assessment for the SDCWA share is \$310,434 for fiscal year 2019-2020.

FPUD passes that CWA charge to each meter user, and the monthly charge will be \$2.05 for a 3/4-inch meter, \$3.42 for a 1-inch meter, \$6.83 for a 1 1/2-inch meter, \$10.93 for a 2-inch meter, \$21.87 for a 3-inch meter, \$34.17 for a 4-inch meter and \$68.33 for a 6-inch meter.

The CWA has a monthly infrastructure access charge which is used for CWA fixed expenditures incurred even when water use is reduced. The charge is per meter equivalent. The rate will increase from \$3.01 to \$3.66 for 3/4-inch meters, from \$5.03 to \$4.53 for 1-inch meters, from \$10.02 to \$11.02 for 1 1/2-inch meters, from \$16.04 to \$17.64 for 2-inch meters, from \$32.12 to \$35.33 for 3-inch meters, from \$50.18 to \$55.20 for 4-inch meters and from \$100.32 to \$110.35 for 6-inch meters.

FPUD's capital improvement charge is dedicated to funding water capital improvement projects. The charge will increase from \$9.12 to \$9.47 for 3/4-inch meters, from \$15.20 to \$15.78 for 1-inch meters, from \$30.40 to \$31.56 for 1 1/2inch meters, from \$48.64 to \$50.49 for 2-inch meters, from \$97.29 to \$100.98 for 3-inch meters, from \$152.01 to \$157.09 for 4-inch meters and from \$304.02 to \$315.57 for 6-inch meters.

The volumetric wastewater charges per 1,000 gallons will increase from \$9.86 to \$10.32 for residential and agriculture domestic accounts, from \$9.79 to \$10.25 for schools, churches, government buildings and lowstrength commercial buildings, from \$12.09 to \$12.65 for mediumstrength commercial buildings and from \$15.09 to \$15.77 for highstrength commercial buildings. The wastewater capital improvement charge per equivalent dwelling unit for all accounts was increased from \$11.53 to \$11.62.

The capacity fee was increased from \$5,727 to \$5,771 for 3/4-inch meters, from \$9,164 to \$9,235 for 1-inch meters, from \$17,181 to \$17,314 for 1 1/2-inch meters, from \$29,782 to \$30,012 for 2-inch meters, from \$54,984 to \$55,408 for 3-inch meters, from \$93,928 to \$94,652 for 4-inch meters and from \$171,824 to \$173,149 for 6-inch meters.

NATIONAL

Smugglers look for new populations to bring across U.S. border

Charlotte Cuthbertson The Epoch Times

As the number of family units from Central America dwindles, due to new policies taking effect at the U.S.–Mexico border, smuggling

During the first week of December, agents in Del Rio apprehended 56 immigrants entering the country illegially from African countries that include Angola, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Congo, Guinea and Sierra Leone For context, only eight Angolans and 11 Congolese crossed the entire southern border throughout the 12 years from 2007 through 2018, according to CBP apprehension data In just the first two months of fiscal 2020, which began Oct. 1, 2019, Del Rio agents have nabbed about 300 immigrants entering the country illegially from 11 countries in Africa, making up about 9% of the total. They also have arrested nearly 500 Haitian nationals, more than the number of aliens from Guatemala or El Salvador.

Almost 70% of the individuals crossing into Del Rio so far this fiscal year are from about 38 countries other than Mexico.

"And then, of course, once people enter here, it doesn't take long for them to pick up the phone and call



organizations are looking elsewhere for new business.

"They saw that we were making progress toward stemming the flow of illegal immigration from the Northern Triangle countries – really taking billions of dollars out of their pockets – and they shifted," Mark Morgan, acting commissioner of Customs and Border Protection, said during an event with the Center for Immigration Studies, Dec. 20.

He said cartels and smuggling organizations are shifting toward supporting migration from more farflung countries, as well as Mexican nationals.

"I mean Indians, Africans, Haitians ... the list goes on and on and on," Morgan said.

Many Africans fly into South America, before working their way north through Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, Guatemala and finally Mexico.

Del Rio Sector

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Del Rio, Texas, is a popular entry point for Africans and Haitians crossing illegally into the United States. Almost 70% of the individuals crossing into Del Rio so far this fiscal year are from about 38 countries other than Mexico.

"I think there's some perhaps NGO, social media messaging, that's happening south of here that is steering some of this traffic our way," Del Rio Sector Chief Raul Ortiz said in a previous interview.

He said some groups initially tried to cross the border further south near Laredo, but were likely redirected by the cartels.

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folks that they know – that are either staged in Brazil, Ecuador, and some of those other countries – to say, 'Hey, we just crossed through Del Rio sector; it was a relatively smooth process,''' Ortiz said.

Morgan said the numbers coming from countries other than Mexico and Central America are "fairly manageable," but "we need to get out in front of it."

The Migrant Protection Protocols, otherwise known as "Remain in Mexico," is an agreement between the United States and Mexico that allows for illegal aliens to be sent back to Mexico to await immigration court proceedings.

So far, Mexico accepts only Spanish-speaking aliens, but Morgan said talks are underway to expand the program to accommodate other languages.

"We're confident that they're going to agree to that," he said. Further talks with the Northern Triangle nations – El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras – are opening the possibility of those countries accepting asylum-seekers from other countries, too.

"Got-aways"

Aside from those arrested by Border Patrol, many others evade apprehension and enter undetected into the United States.

Morgan estimated at least 150,000 such people sneaked into the United States along the 2,000-mile southern border in fiscal 2019.

"I think that's conservative. I think it's higher," he said.

The method for reaching the 150,000 number isn't very scientific or complicated, he said.

"I'll give you an example: A Border Patrol agent may go to an



Mark Morgan, acting commissioner of Customs and Border Protection, speaks at the National Press Club in Washington, Dec. 20.



A group of Haitians illegally cross the Samira Bouaou/The Epoch Times photo Suchiate River on a tube raft from Tecun Uman, Guatemala, to Hidalgo City, Mexico, June 28. They are bound for the United States.

area where there's no wall system; there's no technology, and they see footprints in the ground across the border, and they can physically count the footprints, or they see tire tracks."

The agent will log those numbers as "got-aways."

Morgan said most families and unaccompanied children who cross the border illegally will seek out Border Patrol and turn themselves in. However, the got-aways are "the ones that are

running. Why are they running? Those aren't the good ones," he said.

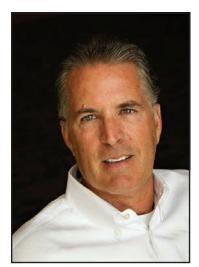
"Not every single person that tries to illegally enter this country is a good person. ... We have caught pedophiles, rapists, murderers.

"A lot of people will say, 'Well, those numbers are small.'Well, how many is acceptable? How many rapists, how many murderers, how many pedophiles are acceptable? How many gang members? How many MS-13 members are acceptable for us to allow into this country?" Morgan said.

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There's no time to waste



Dr. Rick Koole LifePointe Church

Well, here we go again...another new year.

The start of each new year brings a sense of excitement as people ponder both the new challenges and new opportunities the next 12 months will bring.

And, it also reminds them of how precious time is. It is especially pertinent as a person approaches the end of their days. As Queen Elizabeth I famously offered while lying on her deathbed, "All of my possessions for a moment of time."

Each person will begin 2020 with exactly the same number of days and hours. In the Bible, people are cautioned to "Be careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, redeeming the time..."

The word "redeeming" is the opposite of "wasting" and means to invest in something that will produce a positive outcome. As you consider your New Year's resolutions, you might want to add



a resolution to "redeem your time in 2020."

Let me suggest some things for you to consider as you contemplate how you can best use the time you will have available to you in 2020. **Prioritize your activities**

This item may include one or more major goals you would like to accomplish during the next 12 months. If so, develop a plan to achieve those goals.

It may also include a "to-do list" that lists your daily tasks, with the most important on the top of the list. Always do what is most important first, even though what is most important is often the most difficult.

Value every minute

Understand the value of time, Benjamin Franklin said; "Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time; for that's the stuff life is made of."

Consider if you had a bank that credited your account each morning with \$86,400, but at the end of each day wiped out whatever you didn't spend, I'm guessing you'd make sure every dollar got spent.

Well, you have such a bank, and its name is "Time." Every morning it credits you with another 86,400 seconds. But at the end of each day, the 86,400 seconds are gone for good. If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours.

Beware of wasting time

It's certainly OK to relax. We all need to unwind at times. However, with time being so precious, we should make sure we aren't needlessly wasting time that we should be "redeeming."

Each person could make a list of time-wasters in our lives. They're usually not evil activities, rather ones that have little or no value that we allow to consume more of our time than wisdom would suggest. And, they take us away from activities that have much greater "redeeming" value. We may also waste time through a lack of organization. It's been said that if you want something to get done, give it to a busy person. The reason may be that busy people have learned the importance of an organized schedule.

Value the time you have while you can. Time is precious, and we should treat it as a valuable gift from God by wisely "redeeming the time" in 2020. After all, we never know how much more time we have left.

The clock of life is wound but once, and no man has the power to say just when the hands will stop; at late or early hour.



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sons. I estimate that if I adjust the Tilt and the Azimuth four times a year, then I could increase the efficiency of the panels by as much as 15%. I talked with another company prior to opening the Village News and seeing Mark's ad. The other company was not interested in taking on the pole mount system, whereas on the other hand Mark welcomed the opportunity to take on a new challenge. After researching the Inverter I had mentioned, he determined through his supply chain that this was a very good inverter. He said it was used a lot in Alaska for off the grid applications. He contacted MT

Solar and became a distributer and approved installer for that company's single pole hardware. I worked very closely with Rafael on all of the electrical hookup and he took on the challenge like a pro. I purchased four dry cell batteries through Mark to add to the system. Rafael moved our critical circuits (refrigerator, oven, micro etc) into a separate backup panel that also connected to the Battery backup system. Once the batteries were fully charged, we flipped the main breaker off to test the system and the batteries kicked in within 2/10 of a second. I have not hooked up the generator as yet; however with an electric start generator the inverter will start the generator and switch from the Battery to the generator if the batteries get too low. It appears to be a great system and I will say that Mark's team worked with me really well in getting this set up. The inverter and the rack took 5-6 weeks to get and Mark constantly sent me updates for delivery and was on top of the project at all times. I would recommend this Company for all Construction needs." – *Cody, Fallbrook, CA*

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Captivated by Collierville, Tennessee

Nathalie Taylor

Special to Village News

"A map? Who needs a map? We have GPS," I told my mother. But the GPS in the rental car was not working, and mom and I, intrepid travelers from California, were lost in Collierville, Tennessee – at about midnight on a narrow two-lane road with no lights to be seen.

The narrow road narrowed even more – and then – as we rounded a tight curve – the headlights illuminated a massive sign: "Welcome to Mississippi." Mississippi? What happened to Tennessee? Mom and I laughed hysterically as I turned the car around.

Lost as we could be, we were finally rescued by a nice man in a firefighter's shirt who I met at a convenience store. When I asked for directions he said, "Just follow me - I will show you the way." We marveled at his kindness, and Mom and I followed our "angel" to the bed and breakfast.

Why were we in Collierville,





Formerly a stagecoach stop, this rustic log cabin was built in 1851, and is located in the Collierville Town Square.

Village News/Nathalie Taylor photos







Tennessee at midnight on a dark night? Because our Southwest Airlines flight from San Diego to Memphis had a four-hour weather delay. But, why were we here at all? Because we wanted to experience Memphis, but also taste a bit of the "small town South."

Our adventure began with a photograph of a log cabin. I was searching the internet for small towns near Memphis when I discovered Collierville.

The photo that popped up was of a rustic log cabin that looked like it was straight out of an old Western film. It had even been a stagecoach stop in its former life. The cabin was built in 1851, and it's amazing that the structure survived the 1863 Battle of Collierville when General Sherman's troops all but devastated the town.

Mom climbed the worn steps and sat on a porch bench. Through the window I could see a wooden table laden with plates and a ceramic pitcher. I could just imagine a kettle over the fire, and travel-weary stagecoach passengers finally able to step on stable ground, then be invigorated by a bit of food and drink.

The log cabin was the initial lure, but I discovered a town with a pervading aura of history. Collierville Town Square was fragrant with many flowers encircling a vintage gazebo.

On green spindly legs, an equally green water tower proclaimed "Collierville" for all to see. During a stroll around the square we discovered fun shops plus a variety of restaurants - all housed in historic buildings. The anchor of the town square area is a Southern Railroad train depot that is living out its life as a visitor center. Next to the depot is an open-air railroad museum with a formidable 1912 Frisco Railroad steam engine, a 1915 executive rail car, and a very red Southern Railroad caboose. The 1915 rail car, "The Savannah," was used by executives of the Seaboard Railway. It has remained fairly untouched since a renovation in the 1940s. We wandered the narrow corridor to view the sleeping compartments, kitchen and dining car; and were fascinated by the rich red paneling, vintage light fixtures and shower. Yes, a shower! However, I'm not sure that it would be possible to even turn around in it. The kitchen was outfitted for some serious cooking with its sturdy metal sink, industrialsized stove, and an abundance of metal cupboards. In our search for historic churches we found several, including the 1871 Gothic Revival styled Collierville Christian Church, with light ash-grey walls and stained glass windows. It now houses the Morton Museum. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, built in 1890, looked like it belonged on a Christmas card, with its red brick walls, stained glass windows and Gothic archways. One of my Collierville quests was to find a restaurant that served traditional Southern food. Dyer's Café was the perfect choice. In their historic location, Dyer's has been serving food since 1912. I was smitten with the fried catfish - fresh with only a light coat of breading. The catfish meal included an utterly addictive side of hush puppies, and some light and crispy onion rings. I couldn't resist the marvelous sweet tea. To make the experience complete, our server Jessica was a spark of Southern hospitality!



A 1912 Frisco Railroad steam engine is an integral part of the Collierville open-air railroad museum.



The Stratton House Bed & Breakfast was built before the Civil War,

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Built in Gothic Revival style, the 1871 Collierville Christian Church structure now houses the fascinating Morton Museum.

The Stratton House Bed & Breakfast was our haven of rest in Collierville. Housed in a mansion that was built before the Civil War, it has been owned by the same family for 150 years.

As you turn the corner, the wide porch and grand white columns come into view. The mansion is surrounded by magnificent magnolia trees with moss laden trunks and branches that have drooped to the ground over time. It was as if the trees threw their arms out and said, "Welcome."

With lofty ceilings and tall windows, the house has an airy feel. We stayed in the Yellow Room which had one stained glass window, an antique hand-carved bed and a porcelain claw-foot tub – all remnants of the past.

In the mornings we would relax, enjoy our breakfast, and let the staff pamper us in the hushed, cheery atmosphere of the breakfast nook. Linger and savor are two words that come to mind as I remember the exquisite hash brown soufflé.

Our trip to Collierville unfolded like a sweet-scented magnolia blossom – I was captivated by the fascinating historic sites, savory Southern food and enchanting Southern hospitality.

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Children meet Santa at the Fallbrook Community Center during the Breakfast with Santa event.

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Families meet Santa at annual breakfast





The Sanchez family receives breakfast during the annual event at the Fallbrook Community Center.



The Fallbrook High School Madrigals perform a variety of Christmas songs during the Breakfast with Santa event at the Fallbrook Community Center.

Pancakes are made for guests attending the annual Breakfast with Santa at the Fallbrook Community Center.



Shelbie Derderian, 7, and her sister Wavie place their letters to Santa Claus in a mailbox during the Breakfast with Santa event.



Zella Whitten, 7, makes an egg Christmas tree ornament at a craft table during the Breakfast with Santa event.



Kaiya Orozco, 2, meets Santa for a picture during the Breakfast with Santa event at the Fallbrook Community Center.



Charlie Whitten paints an egg Christmas tree ornament at a craft table during the Breakfast with Santa event.

HEALTH & BEAUTY

Medical Examiner midyear statistics show jump in fentanyl deaths

Yvette Urrea Moe County of San Diego

Communications Office

Unintentional fentanyl overdose deaths in the San Diego region increased by 68% when comparing this year's midyear data with the same period for 2018, statistics just released by the County Medical Examiner's Office show.

From January through June this year, there were 69 fentanyl deaths compared to 41 in the first six months of last year. Fentanyl is an illicit synthetic opioid that is 50 to 100 times more potent than morphine and 25 to 50 times stronger than heroin. The highpotency drug is lethal, even in tiny doses.

"In the last decade when someone overdosed on fentanyl, it was often when someone was prescribed it, and perhaps put on too many fentanyl patches or altered the patches," Chief Deputy Medical Examiner Dr. Steven Campman said. "I can't even remember the last time I saw a death from misused prescribed fentanyl.

'Now, in the deaths we see,

the fentanyl is illegally obtained as counterfeit oxycodone or alprazolam. Illegal drug makers and dealers make pills to look like oxycodone or alprazolam, but the pills have fentanyl in them, and they are deadly," he said.

It is unclear if people are unknowingly buying counterfeit pills or powder, or if they are aware the pills are counterfeit.

"The drug isn't designed to be put in a pill like that, and it takes very little of it to kill someone. And the illicit drug makers don't have the kind of quality control measures that pharmaceutical companies have either," Campman said.

In 2018, 92 people died in fentanyl-related overdoses. In the months since June, Campman said, the Medical Examiner has continued to see more fentanyl accidental overdose deaths and the county is on track to exceed last year's statistics.

For years, opioid deaths have been increasing nationwide, and San Diego has been behind the national trend, but that is starting to change.

"This is how we are seeing the



In July counterfeit oxycodone pills known as M-30s led to four deaths in 24 hours prompting a public safety warning from the San Diego County Sheriff's Department.

opioid epidemic here, mostly in the rise in fentanyl deaths," Campman said.

Methamphetamine, which accounts for the most drug toxicity deaths in San Diego County, saw a 24% increase for fatal cases, from 154 midyear in 2018 to 191 cases this midyear. For all of 2018, 328 people died in San

Diego due to the acute toxicity of methamphetamine, sometimes in combination with another drug.

For context purposes, overall general unintentional fatal overdoses due to drug, medication or alcohol increased by 7% from 298 cases midyear 2018 to 319 this midyear.

This information as well as other

data for the San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office is now available at the department's free searchable online portal. A one-page summary report is also available on the Reports and Statistics page, https://www. sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/ me/press/stats.html

Healthy habits for bonsall and fallbrook folks Aloe vera: The healing gel

Megan Johnson McCullough Special to Village News

The gel from aloe vera has been used for thousands of years for its healing purposes. It is a type of succulent plant with many medicinal purposes. The gel inside the plant is gooey and thick, and it is most commonly used to alleviate sun burns and is consumed in juice form for its health benefits.

The gel also makes the skin soft so many lotions have this ingredient. Aloe vera must be consumed as a supplement or as a gel; it is not found in food. Many people add it to their smoothies or shakes since by itself it doesn't have a desired taste. It is a juice with no sugar.

There are a number of other ways that aloe vera can be used. Aloe vera gel can help heal skin rashes, burns, dandruff, treat psoriasis, and help with damage to the skin caused by radiation.

When taken in the form of juice, it has been known to work as a laxative. Aloe vera has also been linked to lowering blood sugar levels for those with diabetes. It has also been shown to lower cholesterol.

Aloe vera juice also helps reduce acidity in the body, keeping one's pH in balance. This also can help take care of heart burn. Aloe vera juice compounds help control secretion of acid in the stomach.

This plant is also very waterdense, so it is great for hydration. We need to stay hydrated to help detox the body. The liver functions best when it is hydrated. Staying hydrated improves liver and kidney health and is needed for exercise recovery.

More water also helps alleviate constipation which aloe vera does because it contains enzymes that help with digestion. These enzymes help break down sugars and fats. It can help decrease Drinking 8 ounces per day has

irritation that might occur in the digestive lining of the intestine.

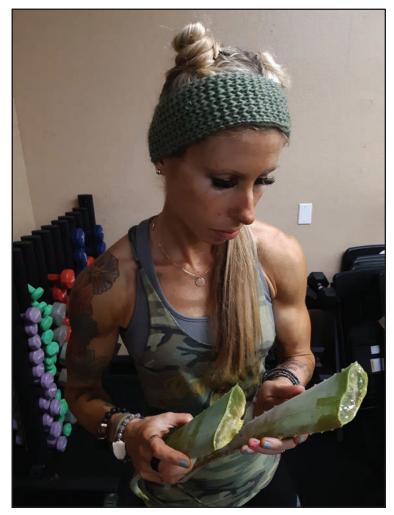
Furthermore, this juice contains vitamins B, C, E and folic acid. It also contains chromium, copper, calcium, magnesium, potassium, manganese and zinc. It is the only plant-based source of vitamin B-12.

Aloe vera juice has also been known to help keep acne away. It is a great source of antioxidants for your skin. It helps neutralize the effects of UV ray damage to the skin as well. Adding to its beauty benefits, aloe vera gel can be used as a lightweight moisturizer, makeup remover, makeup primer and treatment for the scalp.

However, it is important to pay attention to what type of aloe vera you are taking. Be sure to read the labels for decolorized, purified and organic.

Unpurified has been linked to stomach cramps and diarrhea. been shown to have these health benefits. Sometimes at home remedies are the greatest tools in our shelf of self-care. Like another gel that keeps the hair in place, aloe vera can help keep your health in its best place too.

Megan Johnson McCullough holds a master's degree in physical education and health science, is a candidate for her doctorate, is a professional natural bodybuilder and is a National Academy of Sports Medicine master trainer.





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Smartphone & Tablet (Androids) Instructor: Irv Rudderow	Mon	1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3	9:30-11:30 AM	\$40
iPad & iPhone Instructors: Bob Cebulski & Len Tevebaugh	Thurs	1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6	9:30-11:30 AM	\$40
Solving Spreadsheets Problems Instructor: Obie Weeks	Thurs	1/30 & 2/6	1:00-3:00 PM	\$20
Basic Computer File Management Instructor: Obie Weeks	Mon	2/10	9:30-11:30 AM	\$10
Google Maps Instructor: Obie Weeks	Mon	2/10	1:00-3:00 PM	\$10

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Why new year resolutions can be a bad idea

American Counseling Association Special to Village News

While wanting to see positive changes in your life isn't a bad idea, the way most new year's resolutions come together is usually complicated, often helps little and may even be harmful.

Most of us are pretty bad at setting reasonable goals for ourselves. We usually think in terms of absolutes: "I'm going to lose 20 pounds next month." "I'm going to stop smoking now." "I'm going to get that job promotion this quarter."

There are several problems with resolutions like these, the main one being that they seldom achieve success. Such resolutions are based on negative emotions, things about yourself with which you aren't satisfied or happy. These may seem motivating at first, but they actually can create feelings of anxiety and decreased self-worth. This focus on negative feelings seldom provides long term motivation.

Another problem with those "absolute" resolutions is that they set you up for failure. They start based on issues you don't like about yourself, and then present a good opportunity for you to fail, thus helping to lower your selfesteem even more. And no, you don't make a resolution planning not to achieve it, but the reality is that most of us don't reach our

ambitious goals. One study even named Jan. 12 as "Quitter's Day," the point when large numbers of people begin to falter in working toward their new year's goals.

A major problem with most new year's resolutions is that they focus on the goal and not on the process. If weight loss, traditionally this nation's No. 1 resolution, is the goal, it's easy to become discouraged and depressed if you see little change on the bathroom scale or if you make some progress but then backslide a bit.

Rather than focusing on the final goal experts advise paying more attention to the small steps, the process, that will take you to that goal. In many cases, they advise not even to set a final goal. If weight loss, for example is what you want to achieve, instead of imagining how many pounds have to disappear, set a positive objective of "eating healthier." It's something you can do in small steps (i.e., no doughnut at work every day, but instead a handful of carrots for that mid-afternoon snack)

Setting small changes makes them easier to achieve and makes you more likely to bring about the final results that you desire.

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8th San Diego flu death reported; cases jump again

José A. Álvarez County of San Diego

Communications Ŏffice

An additional influenza death was reported in the San Diego region, bringing this season's total to eight, the County Health and Human Services Agency announced, Dec. 24.

The 70-year-old San Diego man died Dec. 19 from influenza A Pandemic H1N1 and had underlying medical conditions.

Also, the percentage of people with influenza-like illness at local emergency departments nearly doubled, jumping to 7% after holding steady at 4% for several weeks.

"Influenza can be lifethreatening, especially for the elderly, the very young and people with underlying medical conditions," said M. Winston Tilghman, M.D., acting County

public health officer. "This is the time of the flu season when cases start to increase."

The number of lab-confirmed cases rose 57% last week when 755 cases were reported, compared to 482 cases the previous week.

To date, 2,456 flu cases have been reported locally this year, compared to 1,336 at the same time last season.

The County Health and Human Services Agency publishes the Influenza Watch weekly report, which tracks key flu indicators and summarizes influenza surveillance in the region. The report is released every Wednesday during the flu season.

For the week ending Dec. 21, 2019, the Influenza Watch report shows the following:

Emergency department visits for influenza-like illness: 7% of all visits (compared to 4% the previous week)

- Lab-confirmed influenza cases for the week: 755 (compared to 482 the previous week)
- Total influenza deaths to date: 8 (compared to 7 at this time last season)
- Total lab-confirmed cases to date: 2,456 (compared to 1,336 last season)
- How to Prevent the Flu
- People should also do the following to avoid getting sick:
- Wash hands thoroughly and often
- Use hand sanitizers
- Stay away from sick people • Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Clean commonly touched surfaces
- If you are sick, stay home and avoid contact with others

For more information, visit www.sdiz.org or call 211 San Diego.

FCC approves 988 as suicide prevention hotline number

WASHINGTON - The Federal **Communications** Commission approved the use of 988 as a new, nationwide, 3-digit number for a suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline. This designation will help ease access to crisis services, reduce the stigma surrounding suicide and mental health conditions and ultimately save lives.

Calls made to 988 will be directed to the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, a national network of 163 crisis centers that is funded by the Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Currently, the Lifeline is available by calling (800) 273-8255 and through online chats. In 2018. trained Lifeline counselors answered over 2.2 million calls and over 100,000 online chats.

The effort to establish the 3-digit number began with Congressional passage of the National Suicide Hotline Improvement Act of 2018. That statute tasked the FCC, in consultation with SAMHSA and the Department of Veterans Affairs, with examining and reporting on the technical feasibility of designating a shorter number - "a simple, easyto-remember, 3-digit dialing code" – for a national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline.

number "would likely make it easier for Americans in crisis to access potentially life-saving resources."

The report noted that, from 1999 to 2016, suicide increased in 49 of the 50 states, and the increase was greater than 20% in more than half of those states. It also noted that suicide rates are higher across various at-risk populations, including veterans and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities.

The report examined the feasibility of using various 3-digit numbers, including a wholly unique 3-digit number like 988 and N11 numbers (i.e., 211 to 911), and found that the technical and operational issues associated with implementing 988 could be addressed and resolved more quickly than any consumer re-education efforts needed to repurpose an existing N11 number.

The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposes requiring that all telecommunications carriers and interconnected voice over internet protocol service providers make, within 18 months, any network changes necessary to ensure that users can dial 988 to reach the Lifeline. The notice also seeks comment on all aspects of implementation, including whether a longer or shorter timeframe would be needed to make 988 a reality.

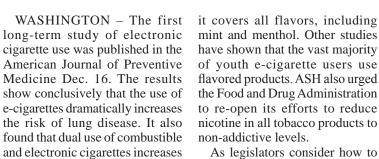
The commission will begin taking public comment on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking following publication in the Federal Register. Following review of that public record, the commission will move toward final rules.

Submitted by Federal Communications Commission.

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mint and menthol. Other studies have shown that the vast majority of youth e-cigarette users use flavored products. ASH also urged the Food and Drug Administration to re-open its efforts to reduce nicotine in all tobacco products to non-addictive levels.

As legislators consider how to address the e-cigarette epidemic, they should take a broad view of tobacco product sales, according



Study on the health impact of vaping points the way to regulation

said they believe this information should be used immediately to inform tobacco regulation at the national, state and local levels and that unfettered access to these products is a public health threat.

The study did not conclude whether vaping is as dangerous as smoking combustible cigarettes, nor did it set out to do so. Smoking traditional cigarettes kills nearly half a million Americans each year. E-cigarettes need not be as dangerous to warrant strict regulations or sales bans, according to ASH.

A number of cities and states have already taken decisive action to curtail youth e-cigarette use by banning flavors or overall sales in some places. ASH said they believe that a flavor ban is a reasonable approach, provided to ASH, which said that addressing only e-cigarette sales can lead to inconsistent public health policy, such as eliminating menthol e-cigarettes but leaving menthol cigarettes - which have killed millions - on the shelf.

The most comprehensive and defensible approach, according to ASH, is to phase out the sale of all commercial tobacco products, as Beverly Hills has done. Society has banned the sale of other products for health and safety reasons - for example, asbestos, lead paint and automatic weapons. Products that are highly addictive and deadly when used as intended have no place on the market, the advocacy group said.

Submitted by Action on Smoking and Health.

In a report to Congress released in August, the FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau and Office of Economics and Analytics recommended 988 as that new 3-digit dialing code. The report found that a 3-digit suicide hotline



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California Disneyland revisited *A personal look at the newest attractions*

Tony Ault Staff Writer

Disneyland California opened July 17, 1955, and was built on 85 acres for \$17 million in downtown Anaheim. Now, with Disney's California Adventure and the new Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge, the popular theme park has grown to 500 acres hosting millions of visitors a year.

I haven't been to visit Disneyland and its relatively new California Adventure since 2007 until this past week when my wife and I, who are now well into our senior years, had the opportunity to visit the park once more. That adventure proved to be amazing and admittedly a little overwhelming. The changes have been incredible, yet there are a few things that remain very much the same.

A trip to the customer relations' window was delightfully informative with the two Donnas there who spent quite a bit of time explaining the Disneyland and California Adventure parks' layouts, The Fast Pass, the seasons just opened Festival of the Holidays, Mickey's Happy Holidays and where the most popular rides were to be found. It had undoubtedly changed since 2007 and was incredibly different since my first visit to what I might call the old Disneyland, when I was a teen in 1957 or 1958 as I recall.

I was a senior high school counselor for group of YMCA day campers then. My parents paid only \$10 to \$15 each for them, which is a far cry from the \$97 average daily entrance cost and the \$25 parking fee.

Each of the campers and I got a book of A, B. C and D ride tickets for the Casey Jr. Circus

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One of the Disneyland bands lead a parade down one of the Disney California Adventure streets followed by a host of Disney characters during the park's Festival of Holidays that will run through Jan. 6.



California Adventure rides as seen from the Pixar Pier Tony Ault photos attract thousands to this Disney theme park.



The beautiful Mark Twain Riverboat, a longtime attraction at Disneyland California, docks in Frontierland's Rivers of America to pickup passengers. The boat has been sailing since the park opened in 1955.



A uniformed "Star Wars" Stormtrooper poses for a photo from visitors at Disneyland's newest attraction 'Star Wars:' Galaxy's Edge that features a virtual reality ride aboard an armed Millennium Falcon used during a smugglers run with "pilots" and "gunners" aboard.





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Library plans activities for children, teens and adults

FALLBROOK – The Fallbrook Library will host many free events in January including concerts, book discussions and many teen and tween events.

Sunday, Jan. 5, at 2 p.m. – Sunday concert by folk musician Dave Dersham who is currently based in Northampton, Massachusetts, and tours the subterranean folk pockets of the Northeast, Southern California and Texas.

Tuesdays, Jan.7, 14, 21 and 28 at 4 p.m. – Teen Time: Teens ages 12 to 17 are invited to join together for fun holiday activities: Jan. 7, Button Making; Jan. 14, Vision Board; Jan. 21, Piggie Banks; Jan. 28, Self Defense Class (Registration and waiver required). Wednesday, Jan. 8, at 4 p.m. – Adult Art Class: Come enjoy a relaxing art session and create your own masterpiece. Registration is required and will begin Jan. 2. Confirm your spot by calling (760) 731-4650 or at the front desk.

Saturdays, Jan. 11, 18 and 25 at 3 p.m. – January Tween Takeover: DIY pillow construction, Jan. 11; decorate your own mug, Jan. 18; and candle making, Jan. 25. For ages 9 to 14. Tweens can sign up at the library's front desk.

Monday, Jan. 13, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. – The Insight Book Club will meet to discuss "Crusaders: the epic history of the wars for the holy lands" by Dan Jones. Sponsored by the Friends of the Fallbrook Library.

Monday, Jan. 13, at 4 p.m. – STEAM: The children's afternoon STEAM program will meet to have fun making watercolors with pastel chalk.

Thursday, Jan. 16, at 6 p.m. – Page Turners book club: The adult fiction book club will discuss "The Good Earth" by Pearl S. Buck. Copies of the book are available for check out.

Thursday, Jan. 16, at 7 p.m. – Friends Concert Series: Louis Landon is a composer, Steinway artist and Pianist for Peace. He has played with some of the most recognized names in the entertainment industry.

Saturday, Jan. 18, from 1-3 p.m. – Social Workers at the Library: Social workers will be on-site to help community members find local resources with mental health, housing and other community needs.

Monday, Jan. 20 – The library will be closed for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Thursday, Jan. 23, at 1 p.m. – Concert: Freaney & Friends. Freaney's guest will be pianist Dr. George Fee who will present a lecture concert "Robert Schumann: Deciphering His Personal Music Language." Supported by the Friends of the Fallbrook Library.

Sunday, Jan. 26, at 3 p.m. – Classical Sundays: Mezzo-soprano Kindra Scharich and classic pianist Dr. George Fee will present an emotional journey of the poetry and music of the Romantic Era. Sponsored by the Fallbrook Music Society.

Monday, Jan. 27, at 4 p.m. – STEAM: The kids afternoon STEAM program will meet and learn a fun engineering craft.

Thursday, Jan. 30, at 4 p.m. – Special Teen Event: Teens are invited to play in a teen video game tournament.

The Fallbrook Library is located at 124 S. Mission Road. For more information about these and additional scheduled activities, visit <u>www.sdcl.org</u> or call (760) 731-4650. Visit www. fallbrooklibraryfriends.org for Friends of the Fallbrook Library sponsored events.

Curtain Call Company announces auditions for 'Meet Me in St. Louis – Live Radio Play'

FALLBROOK – Curtain Call Company will be holding auditions for their production of "Meet Me in St. Louis – Musical Live Radio Play" Jan. 10 from 6-8 p.m. at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 1620 S. Stage Coach Lane, Fallbrook.

This rendition of "Meet Me in

St. Louis" was performed on the Lux Ratio Theater, Dec. 2, 1946. Three men, four women and one girl are needed. "If, however, more people wish to participate, I am prepared to double cast the show," said Mary Fry, producer/director.

Performances will be Feb. 28, 29, March 1, 6, 7 and 8, at

the Fallbrook Women's Club. Rehearsals will be primarily Monday and Friday evenings from 6:30-8 p.m. at Christ the King Lutheran Church.

Auditions will be "cold readings." In radio plays, each actor is required to portray more than one role and therefore must be able to create different characters with only voice inflection or accents. Radio plays also require no memorization, as the actors read from their scripts during performances.

Several of the songs from the movie starring Judy Garland are included in this script and, therefore, there will be some singing required by the entire cast. Most of the songs, however, will be sung by the actress portraying the role of Esther.

For more information, call Fry at (760) 468-6302.

Submitted by Curtain Call Company.

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Train, Dumbo the Flying Elephant, Pirates Lair on Tom Sawyer Island, a ride in the Davy Crockett Explorer Canoe and the big ride of time, the Sailing Ship Columbia.

It was a treat to see the Columbia still proudly sailing around Adventureland, the Pirates Lair and Tom Sawyer Island and the Dumbo ride still in the park. There were other things like Main Street U.S.A. the horse-drawn street cars, Great Moments with Mr. Lincoln and other mini-theaters still welcoming guests at Disneyland. One thing we particularly enjoyed were the movie clips of the old animated Mickey Mouse and Steamboat Willie cartoons, all created by Walt Disney himself.

In Disney's memory, I must digress a moment to remember when I was a teen. There were three people I really wanted to meet in my lifetime: Walt Disney, Henry Kissinger and Billy Graham. I never had the pleasure of meeting Disney, but I dearly hope he is now with God in heaven, drawing angelic cartoons. Much of his legacy still remains at Disneyland Resort in California, Disney World in Florida, and I hope at the other Disney Parks in the world.

I was reminded of his dream of creating a place where adults and their children could have fun that is still coming true. It was obvious in the happy smiles of thousands of children and their parents, laughing and smiling throughout the park. Additionally supporting this evidence of Disney's dream come true were the hundreds of baby strollers parked in roped off spaces in front of the rides. Then, there were the continuous attempts we made to get out of their way as their equally excited parents looked for the next adventure in the Wonderful World of Disney.

My first adult experience in California Adventure was also quite different as the park has continued to expand. The initial visit boasted of many rides including a giant rocking chair Ferris wheel, the Bugs Land, the Golden Zephyr and the Jumpin' Jellyfish but now the park has many more rides.

While I remember taking those

rides, this trip we experienced the Guardians of the Galaxy – Mission: Breakout and the newest Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge. We survived the breakout and enjoyed shooting down Imperial star destroyers and Republic darts.

One of the most impressive things in the new Star Wars site was the huge replica of a starship and the wandering Emperor Palpatine's Stormtroopers who asked visitors for their "proof of identification" in the Star Wars' city where R2D2 and other droids lay around rusting away. Still under construction is another Star Wars' ride that will open in January, according to signs at the park.

Our visit included a few high fives with Goofy and Pluto and

a glimpse of Mickey and Minnie dressed up in their fine holiday attire. A ride around the park on the Disney Railroad saved us a little energy traveling from land to land with a stop at New Orleans Square where we enjoyed delicious chicken and jambalaya at the French Market Restaurant while listening to the Swamp Talk Dixieland Band.

A couple and their two teenage daughters invited us to sit down with them at the restaurant's outdoor tables and began a delightful conversation about their annual trips to Disneyland from Seattle.

Making our rounds we stopped

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b. FORD + FORD MGMT. 3927 Paso Del Lagos, Bonsall, CA 92003 Mailing address: P.O. Box 388 Bonsall, CA 92003

92003 County: San Diego

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number: 2019-9029621 Name of Business

a. MARLA HOPE DESIGNS, LLC b. MARLA HOPE DESIGNS 6908 Avocet Ct, Carlsbad, CA 92011 Mailing address: 270 N. El Camino Real Ste F345, Encinitas, CA 92024 County: San Diego This business is registered by the following: Marla Hope Designs LLC, 6908 Avocet Ct, Carlsbad, CA 92011 This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company This LLC is located in the state of California Registrant first commenced to transact business under the above names as of 12/01/14 THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON 12/14/19 LEGAL: 5176

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Name of Business AM EX APPRAISAL 1232 Kendi Lane, Fallbrook, CA 92028 County: San Diego

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b. PLANET ONE 1624 Yucatan Way, Fallbrook, CA 92028

County: San Diego This business is registered by the following: Mark C. Wilson, Inc, 1624 Yucatan Way, Fallbrook. CA 92028

This business is conducted by a Corporation This Corporation is located in the state of Colorado

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LAW OFFICES OF LOUIS GABBARA 500 LA TERRAZA BOULEVARD, STE 150 ESCONDIDO, CA 92025 760-466-8083 DATE: 09/09/2019 CLERK, BY: M. CLEMENS, DEPUTY Legal #: 5167 PUBLISHED: December 12, 19, 26, 2019, January 2, 2020

Trustee Sale No. 18-006014 8758511 APN 222-172-19-03 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 02/01/07. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU. YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 01/17/20 at 9:00 am, Aztec Foreclosure Corporation as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed by Suzanne M Behnke, an unmarried woman, as Trustor(s), in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Residential Mortgage Capital as Beneficiary, Recorded on 02/16/07 in Instrument No. 2007-0109025 of official records in the Office of the county recorder of SAN DIEGO County, California; WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state), East County Regional Center, 250 E. Main Street, Entrance of the East County Regional Center, El Cajon, CA 92020, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California described as: 341 KELLOGG STREET, SAN MARCOS, CA 92078 The propert heretofore described is being sold "as is". The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust to-wit: \$237,065,64 (Estimated) Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property

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parks. We enjoyed an earlier taste of Winter Wonderland food in California Adventure's Festival of Holidays. It included a fried turkey slider and a beef pot roast sandwich topped off with two soft drinks. We marked it down in our Tasting Passport that is good through Jan. 6, 2020. The foods offered in the Festival of Holidays' 14 restaurants were the favorites of many guests holding annual Disneyland and California Adventure Hopper passes with

dining offerings. Helping keep our energy up in the late afternoon at the park, we shared a Ghirardelli chocolate chip waffle cone in California Adventure at Sunset and Hollywood Boulevards. A live showing of "Frozen" was staged for the guests and children at the Hyperion Theater that afternoon.

Unfortunately, we missed much of the day's festivities in our travels including the new holiday Festival of Lights parade on Main Street, many of the newer rides we had not enjoyed in the past and some of the continuous stage shows in the different lands. We left as the nightly fireworks lit up the night sky above the brightly lit Sleeping Beauty's Castle. We could have spent a week at the resort and not seen everything.

I hope to make a return trip to this fantastic park with many thanks to those who helped us. There are many changes to see with many more to come. Disneyland Parks are indeed a must-visit destination for all the family, young and old.

Learn more about Disneyland and California Adventure online at <u>https://disneyland.disney.go</u>.com or on their Google Play app.

Tony Ault can be reached by email at tault@reedermedia.com.



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Fallbrook, CA 92028 b. M. Cristina León, 39695 Berg Rd, Fallbrook, CA 92028

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GOTCHA GOPHER 2993 Clay Avenue, San Diego, CA 92113 County: San Diego This business is registered by the following: a. Maile Elizabeth Soon, 2993 Clay Avenue, San Diego, CA 92113 b. Eduardo Marmolejo, 2993 Clay Avenue, San Diego, CA 92113 This business is conducted by a General Partnership THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ON 12/14/19

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January 2, 9, 2020

TSG No.: 191031492-CA-MSI TS No.: CA1900285624 APN: 165-683-32 Property Address 3279 MORELLA WAY OCEANSIDE, CA 92056 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 08/14/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 01/17/2020 at 09:00 A.M., First American Title Insurance Company, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 08/18/2006, as Instrument No. 2006-0591138, in book , page , , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of SAN DIEGO County, State of California. Executed by: WESTELC. ROWLAND, AN UNMARRIED MAN, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE EAST COUNTY REGIONAL CENTER BY THE STATUE250 E. MAIN ST. EL CAJON CA AII right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property Situated in said County and State described as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST APN# 165-683-32 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 3279 MORELLA WAY, OCEANSIDE, CA 92056 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. 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EDUCATION

Fallbrook community helps provide 800 gifts to local youths



Dolly Harty, far right, and Elaine Pedigo, far left, from the Village News/Courtesy photos Fallbrook Women Golfers drop off bags of toys for members of the Boys & Girls Clubs of North County, from left, Julianna Boxton, Gavin Walters, Jesus Leon, Tucker Johnson, Melaney Smith, Ernesto Francisco Diego and Mia Twine.



The Golf Club of California Women's Golf Club members, in back from left, Pat Bell, Renee Bolln, Karen Jackson and Megan Jackson deliver the results of their toy drive for the children at the Boys & Girls Clubs of North County, in front, from left, Carter Quinn, Lorenza Montejo Gaspar, Nylah Brown, Mia Twine and Alejandro Flores.

FALLBROOK – With a lofty goal of acquiring 800 gifts this holiday season, the Boys & Girls Clubs of North County asked the Fallbrook community for help. The response was something special.

With large donations coming in from the Fallbrook Women Golfers, the Women's Golf Club at the Golf Club of California and Sycamore Ranch Walkers, the staff at the club were well on their way to reaching their goal.

Every year the club hosts holiday parties at each of their eight sites, with the goal of handing out a present to all 800 of their daily members. In order to achieve that goal, the club reaches out to community members, organizations and businesses for donations of new and unwrapped toys.

This year, in addition to the large donations from local organizations, businesses like the Fallbrook Library, Chase Bank and local community members all chipped in to ensure that every member received a gift.

"We want to thank all that were involved in helping us reach our goal this year," Allison Barclay, chief executive officer, said. "These gifts are more than just toys or gift cards; they are a reminder to each of our club members that this

community cares about them."

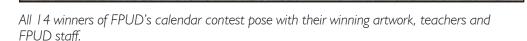
For more information on ways to donate to the Boys & Girls Clubs of North County, visit <u>www.</u> <u>bgcnorthcounty.org</u> or call (760) 728-5871.

Submitted by Boys & Girls Clubs of North County.

Pupils' artwork featured in FPUD 'Be Water Smart' calendar







FALLBROOK – Fourth-graders from Fallbrook schools put pens, crayons and watercolors to paper to color the best and brightest water-conservation posters. But of the 250 posters colored, only 14 made it into the final product: the 2020 "Be Water Smart" calendar.

Twelve of those winning images appear inside the calendar – one for each of the 12 months of the year; another image is printed on the cover and the other is for January 2021.

The calendars are now available for free at the Fallbrook Public Utility District office, while supplies last.

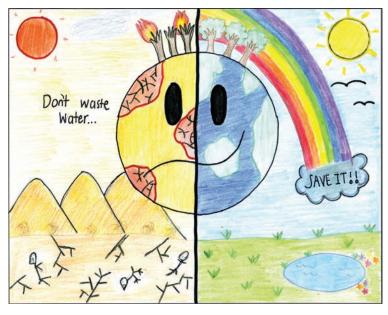
The pupils' colorful images vividly depict the contest's theme. FPUD judges scrutinized the entries to find the most eyecatching images illustrating the need for saving water.

Those top Fallbrook artists were recognized at the Dec. 9 board of directors meeting. Each received a gift card to Walmart, school supplies, a signed certificate of commendation and their artwork was matted and framed for them. Three also won a T-shirt with their winning artwork printed on it: the first-, second- and third-place winners.

The first place is Anahy Ambriz of Maie Ellis Elementary. Second and third place are, respectively: Samantha Mejia and Brisa Bailon also of Maie Ellis Elementary.

The annual contest is open only to FPUD area fourth-graders because they have learned about water conservation and the water cycle by the fourth grade. Pupils from Fallbrook STEM Academy, William H. Frazier, La Paloma, Maie Ellis and Live Oak elementary schools submitted entries.

The contest objective is to find the most eye-catching images illustrating the need for saving water. All 14 pieces of artwork will be displayed on the FPUD website. They will also be displayed in



This is the first-place drawing by Anahy Ambriz. Village News/Courtesy photos

the FPUD board room for a year and will be used in the district's social media posts on Facebook and Twitter.

The other winners are Leo Quick of Fallbrook STEM

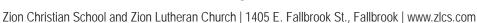
First place winner Anahy Ambriz holds a T-shirt with her water-conservation poster printed on it while FPUD General Manager Jack Bebee holds her framed artwork and FPUD Board Vice-President Jennifer DeMeo holds the first-place certificate.

> Academy, Kelly Jaimes of William H. Frazier Elementary, Isabella Magana, Alexandro Rojas, Gizalle Amezquita, and Ares Miramontes of Maie Ellis Elementary, Kayla Arango, Nya Lin Ramirez and

Abigail Perez and Jennifer Wiscott of La Paloma Elementary and Oscar Tovar of Live Oak Elementary.

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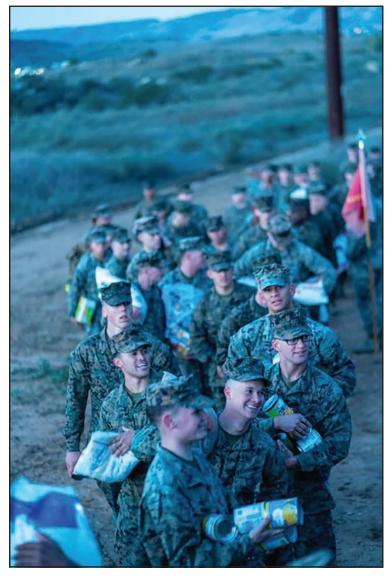
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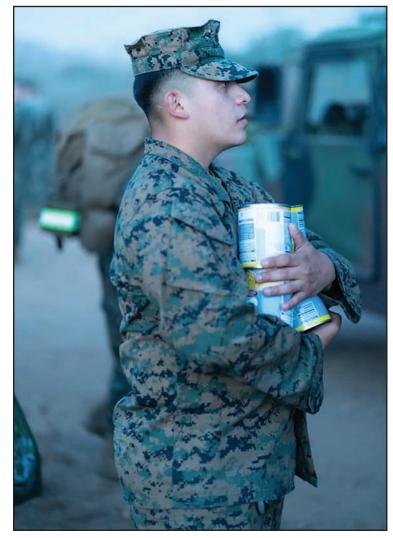
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Marines hold a different kind of food drive



Members of the 1st Radio Battalion carry nonperishable foods on an annual hike/food collection.



CAMP PENDLETON – The 1st Radio Battalion conducted a 9-mile hike on Camp Pendleton starting at 4 a.m., Dec. 18. The 192 Marines could replace a portion of the packing list with nonperishable food that they dropped in collection bins near the midway point.

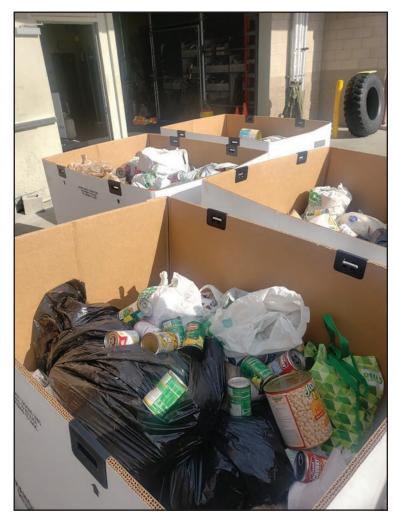
The average weight of food carried per Marine was 25 pounds. In total, over 4,600 lbs. of food were donated to the Fallbrook Food Pantry. The Marines ended with a motivational MCMAP event and breakfast.

This is an annual food drive with the food being donated to a different organization each year.

Submitted by Fallbrook Food Pantry.

Boxes are full of the contributions of 192 Marines who carried the food for four and a half miles on their hike.

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A Marine waits in line to unload his food donation.



Marines deliver over 4,600 lbs. of food for the Fallbrook Food Pantry.

The food donations are loaded onto a truck halfway through the nine-mile hike.



Fallbrook Food Pantry Executive Director Shae Gawlak, second from left, and program manager Carolina Miller, third from left, accept the donation of food from members of the 1st Radio Battalion.



The 1st Radio Battalion dedicates their annual holiday hike to collecting food donations each year.

REAL ESTATE AND HOME & GARDEN

Good wishes for you and the earth in 2020

Roger Boddaert Special to Village News

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Here are some resolutions for you to consider for the New Year:

- Help cool the planet and plant more oaks and trees – "the right tree in the right place."
- Practice more earthly endeavors with your family, friends and neighbors, be kind to one another.
- Be a part of the Live Oak Park 100-year centennial celebration next July at the park in Fallbrook.
- Give back to your community, for there are many volunteers needed in our friendly village.
- Give youngsters a book called "Vitamin N" and share with

them the need to be outdoors now and then.

- Try and carpool whenever you can and lighten the load on the road, and ride a bike to work if you can.
- Have a softer carbon footprint on the planet with your daily chores, try and keep things simple.
- Repurpose, reuse, recycle, rethink what you do around your home to save energy and turn off the lights.
- Build a Little Free Library on your street and fill with used books and it will spread joy.
- Practice "forest-bathing" with friends and submerge yourself into nature once in a while.



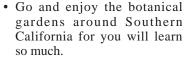
Take time to meditate in the little park on Alvarado at Vine Street.



Practice "forest-bathing" by going for a hike at Los Jilgueros Preserve.







Grow your own food.

- Help the Fallbrook Climate Action Team in spreading the word to help our community.
- Assist the Save Our Forest
- Participate in the Balboa Park Earth Day events in April 2020 for their 50-year celebration this year.
- Occasionally, take barefoot walks on San Diego's beautiful beaches and watch great Western

cold weather. the Balboa Park garden, to calm yourself and

Go for a walk and notice changes in nature like this

firestick plant whose deep red color is caused by

- hum a song once in a while.
- Give handmade gifts and stop buying plastic toys – learn how to play the ukulele, slow down a bit.
- Get your old Lionel train up and

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- Dump the lawn, think xeriscape, save water around your home and catch rainwater from the roof.
- Teach your children how to cook a homemade meal from scratch and use some of grandma's recipes.
- Take a neighborhood walk with friends and stay healthy. Breathe deeply and thank a tree for oxygen.
- Compost more, build a worm box for the red-wigglers and don't forget to mulch your trees.
- Repair broken things around the home instead of buying new and use your hands to be creative.
- Share your lifelong family history and genealogy with the grandchildren to teach them their heritage.
- Release more beneficial insects into the garden and practice permaculture; it's awesome.
- Turn your old pool into a natural swimming lagoon with no chlorine and create an eco-friendly habitat.
- Cut some flowers from your garden and give them to a stranger and just say "hi."
- Plant more trees and help cool the planet with a young friend and give the tree a friendly name.
- Use your vote for the good of all, for we have one planet and it's the only home we have to live on.
- Peace and love for the coming year for you and yours, for there is nothing more important than family.

Roger Boddaert is a natural landscape designer and a certified I.S.A. arborist who can be reached at (760) 728-4297 to help you create an eco-friendly setting around your home.

Giving, receiving, recycling

Gig Conaughton

San Diego County Communications Office

The gifts! The wrapping! The packages! The lights! Even the trees!

The holiday season brings lots of stuff – lots of stuff that can be recycled. San Diego County knows with all the shopping, visiting and preparing, residents probably haven't had a minute to think about recycling.

So, this holiday season, the county Department of Public Works' Recycling Division has some recycling tips to help them out.

Christmas trees

Everyone loves their beautiful Christmas trees, but if the family has a real tree, there comes a time when they have to say goodbye. And the county urged everyone to recycle their real trees properly.

Check with the local waste hauler to find out if they offer curbside pickup – many do. Or go to the county's recycling and hazardous waste database, <u>https://</u> <u>wastefreesd.org</u>/, to find Christmas tree drop-off sites nearby. Residents can type "Christmas tree" in the "find an item" box, add their ZIP code, community and how they heard about the site, and they'll see all the drop-off locations near them. Don't leave that old, dry tree or wreaths lying in the backyard. They can become fire hazards. Putting them in the trash takes up space in landfills and generates unwanted greenhouse gases when they decompose.

Properly recycled trees and wreaths can be turned into mulch that will improve soil health and help soil retain moisture at parks, farms, home gardens and landscapes.

Know what packaging can – and can't – be recycled

Gift-giving and online shopping typically means lots of packaging. Not all packaging can be safely recycled. For example, cardboard boxes can be recycled – just break them down and put them into the recycling. But manila envelopes and Bubble Wrap cannot be recycled. So do not put them in the recycling bins; consider reusing them instead.

Christmas and holiday card recycling

Like packaging materials, not all holiday cards should be added to your recycling. Simple paper cards and envelopes can be added to the blue bins.

But if the cards have glitter, foil or metallic inks, which are inks made with tiny metal flakes, or other adornments, they can't. If there's a glitzy front and plain paper backing, tear the cards in two. Recycle the backs and put the glitzy fronts into the trash.

Holiday light recycling

Please – don't put old holiday lights in the recycling bins. They can tangle up recycling equipment, and they also pose a danger to workers in those recycling centers. For recycling options, visit <u>www.</u> <u>WasteFreeSD.org</u>, contact a scrap metal or e-waste recycler or ask for options at the local home improvement store.

So, there you have it. Remember, if you have other questions about what can and can't be recycled, go to <u>www.sandiegocounty.gov/</u> content/sdc/dpw/recycling.html.

Supervisors authorize road resurfacing contracts

Joe Naiman

Village News reporter

Forty-eight Fallbrook road segments, six Bonsall streets, five Rainbow road segments and one Pala road will be resurfaced under contracts authorized during the Dec. 11 San Diego County Board of Supervisors meeting.

The supervisors' 4-0 vote, with Kristin Gaspar absent, authorized the advertisement for bid and subsequent award of construction contracts for asphalt concrete overlay and slurry seal treatments covering a countywide total of 143 centerline miles of countymaintained road and 31.4 miles of Permanent Road Division zone roadway.

The director of the county's Department of Purchasing and Contracting was authorized to advertise and award multiple contracts and to take any other actions needed to contract for the resurfacing. The director of the county's Department of Public Works was designated as the county officer responsible for administering the contracts.

The county's Department of Public Works maintains nearly 2,000 miles of road in unincorporated San Diego County, and road crews inspect the roads and prioritize them for preventative maintenance. DPW utilizes a pavement management system which incorporates field review, resident and community input, and mechanical test data collection to determine which roads are most in need of resurfacing. The structural deterioration of pavement is measured visually by assessing the degree and type of cracking, the surface deterioration, and surface defects. The road maintenance program also evaluates the preferred rehabilitation strategy. Asphalt concrete pavement overlays are used for severely degraded roads with extensive cracking or potholes, although if the road has only minor cracking and no significant surface damage a thinner layer of slurry seals may be applied to protect the road.

between Avocado Vista Lane and the cul-de-sac, 0.08 miles of Avocado Park Way between Avocado Vista Way and the cul-desac, 0.08 miles of Avocado Vista between Lake Circle Drive and Avocado Vista Lane, 0.36 miles of Avocado Vista Lane between Dulin Road and the cul-de-sac.

0.12 miles of Avocado Park Lane

Also included are the 0.20 miles of Brandon Road between Alvarado Street and East Mission Road, 0.98 miles of Dulin Road between Shearer Crossing and Old Highway 395, 0.74 miles of Fallsbrae Road between Via Monserate and the cul-de-sac, 0.25 miles of Fig Street between East Mission Road and Orange Avenue, 0.93 miles of Green Canyon Road between Winterwarm Drive and Winter Haven Road, 0.25 miles of Hawthorne Street between South Mission Road and Orange Avenue and the 0.05 miles of Hill Court from Hill Avenue to the cul-de-sac.

Other portions to be resurfaced are the 0.16 miles of Hillrise Road between Fallsbrae Road and Ramona Drive, 0.06 miles of Iowa Avenue between East Mission Road and Ivy Street, 0.13 miles of Iowa Avenue between Dougherty Street and Porter Street, 0.25 miles of Ivy Street between Pico Avenue and Iowa Street, 0.06 miles of Kentucky Street between Olive Avenue and Iowa Avenue.

Resurfacing will also be done to the 0.08 miles of Lake Circle Court between Dulin Road and Lake Shore Court, 0.30 miles of Lake Road and McDonald Road.

Also included are the 0.06 miles of Pico Avenue between Fig Street and Elder Street, 0.18 miles of Pico Avenue between Alvarado Street and East Mission Road, 0.25 miles of Porter Street between Orange Avenue and Salt Air Lane, 0.10 miles of Porter Way between Porter Street and the culde-sac, 1.77 miles of Ranger Road between East Mission Road and Reche Road, 0.76 miles of Reche Road between Stage Coach Lane and Green Canyon Road.

Resurfacing will also happen on the 0.07 miles of Riverview Court between Avocado Vista Lane and the cul-de-sac, 0.63 miles of Sycamore Drive between Green Canyon Road and the end of Sycamore Drive, 0.18 miles of Vine Avenue between Alvarado Street and East Mission Road, 0.06 miles of the alley west of Main Avenue between Alvarado Street and Fig Street, and 0.11 miles of the alley east of Main Avenue between Ivy Street and East Alvarado Street.

Six segments of Permanent Road Division Zone 13A totaling 5.76 miles will be resurfaced: 0.30 miles of Brodea Lane from Sumac Road to the end of Brodea Lane, 0.48 miles of Citrus Drive from Wilt Road to the end of Citrus Drive, 0.55 miles of Pala Mesa Drive from Daisy Lane to the end of Pala Mesa Drive, 1.03 miles of Sage Road from Sumac Road to State Route 76, 0.98 miles of Sumac Road from Wilt Road to Sage Road, and 2.42 miles of Wilt Road from Sumac Road to Reche Road. The PRD Zone 50 includes 0.25 miles of Knoll Park Lane which will be resurfaced from Hillcrest Lane to 1,330 feet north of Hillcrest Lane. The 0.84 miles of PRD Zone 53 resurfacing will consist of 0.66 miles of Knoll Park Lane from 1,330 feet north of Hillcrest Lane to the end of Knoll Park Lane and 0.18 miles of Vista Del Lago between Knoll Park Lane and the end of Vista Del Lago.

Canyon Road and the cul-de-sac, 0.08 miles of Felicia Way between Dentro De Lomas and the cul-desac, and 0.12 miles of Nella Lane between Gopher Canyon Road and the cul-de-sac. All of those are county-maintained roads.

Old Highway 395 in Rainbow will be resurfaced for the 1.36-mile segment between Second Street and the Riverside County line and the 2.00 miles of Rice Canyon Road from Mile Post 2.0 to State Route 76 will also be resurfaced.

Three PRD Zone 55 segments totaling 3.76 miles will have new surfaces: the 2.45 miles of Gomez Creek Road from Rainbow Crest Road to the end of Gomez Creek Road, 0.52 miles of Rainbow Crest Road from the end of the countymaintained road to Gomez Creek Road, and 0.79 miles of Rainbow Crest Road from Gomez Creek Road to the end of Rainbow Crest Road.

PRD Zone 8 is in Pala, and 3.22 miles of Magee Road will

be resurfaced between Central Avenue and Chula Vista Circle.

The estimated construction cost for the county-maintained roads, including contingency, is \$46,300,000. Road Repair and Accountability Act revenue from the 2017 increase on gas tax and vehicle registration fees will provide \$28,705,000, a prior-year balance in the county's Road Fund will be the source of \$7,860,000 of the amount, the TransNet halfcent sales tax will account for \$5,700,000, and San Diego Gas & Electric franchise fees the utility pays for its use of public roadway will fund \$4,035,000.

An assessment on property within the PRD zone, including potential fund balances from prior years, will be used for the estimated \$3,276,500 cost to resurface the private roads.

On a countywide basis, the resurfacing will begin in spring 2020 and is expected to be complete by the end of 2020.



The Fallbrook public road portions to be resurfaced are 0.22 miles of Almond Street from South Mission Road to Hill Avenue, Circle Drive between Dulin Road and Lake Circle Avenue, 0.13 miles of Lake Park Court between the western cul-de-sac and the eastern cul-de-sac, 0.08 miles of Lake Shore Court between the western cul-de-sac and the eastern cul-de-sac.

More roads affected include the 0.25 miles of Merida Drive from Alturas Street to Hill Avenue, 0.13 miles of Olive Avenue between Dougherty Street and Porter Street, 0.06 miles of Orange Avenue between Fig Street and Elder Street, 0.13 miles of Orange Avenue between Hawthorne Street and East Mission Road, 0.13 miles of Orange Avenue between Dougherty Street and Porter Street and 0.25 miles of Palomino Road between Morro

The Bonsall roadway segments which will be resurfaced are 1.16 miles of Camino Del Rey between Via Marina Elena and Camino Del Los Caballos, 0.26 miles of Dentro De Lomas between Gopher

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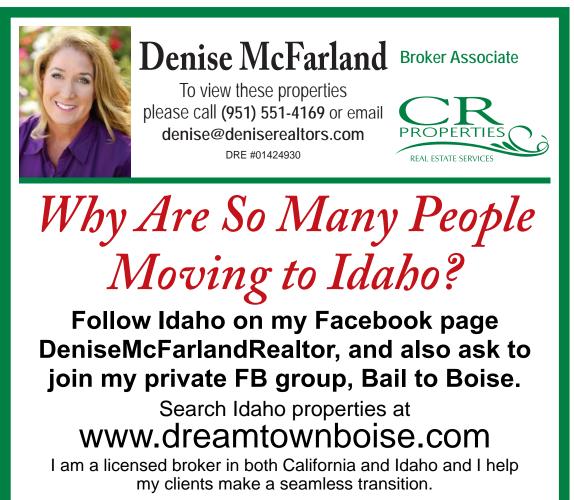


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Fallbrook FFA students compete at Field Day



The Fallbrook Chapter of National FFA Organization's "Floriculture" judging teams A and B, with adviser Margaret Chapman, pose with their first-place trophy and various top individual ribbons.

Christal Gaines-Emory

Fallbrook FFA Correspondent

Two judging teams from the Fallbrook Chapter of the National FFA Organization competed in the Heritage Cup Dec. 14. The students did spectacular; the "Best Informed Greenhand" team took home the first-place cup, and all three participants placed individually, according to the chapter advisers.

The "Floriculture" team placed second overall, with multiple individuals placing well. The teams worked hard and did their best, their advisers said.

The Fallbrook FFA judging teams competed Dec. 7, at the San Diego Section Field Day with some amazing results. The "Floriculture" teams took home

first place for team A and fifth place for team B, and Madison Causey had a first-place individual win.

The "Best Informed Greenhand" team placed second overall, and their top individual was freshman Mira Walton with a second-place individual win.

Next, the "Veterinary Science" team placed fifth overall, with their highest individual, Rebekah Kehl, placing ninth. Lastly, the "Farm Power" top individual was Robert Prefontaine, with placing sixth individually.

The FFA advisers said they were so proud of the teams and individuals who competed in any category of the competition, saying that every student did a great job. All the teams will compete in upcoming events.



The first-place "Best Informed Greenhand" Village News/Courtesy photos team shows off its Heritage Cup, including from left, April Mota, Nallely Guadarrama and Juan Mercado.



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Second-place "Floriculture" team members pose with their arrangements and awards after the competition, including from left, FFA adviser Margaret Chapman, Madison Causey, Esmeralda Ramirez, Brianna Vidaca and Christal Gaines-Emory.





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Sublease surcharge at county airports eliminated

Joe Naiman

Village News Reporter

The sublease surcharge for airports owned and operated by the county of San Diego has been eliminated.

A 4-0 San Diego County Board of Supervisors vote Dec. 10, with Kristin Gaspar absent, eliminated the surcharge for commercial subleases. The supervisors' action also found the elimination of the sublease surcharge to California Environmental Quality Act review.

'After looking at similar airports, we decided to get rid of the unnecessary charge," said Supervisor Jim Desmond. "By eliminating the surcharge we hope to spur additional growth and business opportunities.'

The county totally has 42 leases at its airports consisting of four at Fallbrook Community Airpark along with 17 at Gillespie Field

be categorically exempt from in El Cajon, 14 at McClellan-Palomar Airport in Carlsbad, three apiece at Ramona Airport and Borrego Valley Airport, and one at Jacumba Airport. The county also owns and operates Agua Caliente Springs Airport and Ocotillo Airport.

> The county's traditional aviation lease agreements had included a surcharge of typically 5 percent for commercial subleases at the county's airports. In February 2010 the county approved lease

amendments for the 17 Gillespie Field leaseholders which included a tiered rental increase from 2010 to 2019 to phase the rent back up to market rate, and the county supervisors also suspended the sublease surcharge through Nov. 30, 2019, to help the lessees absorb the rent increases.

Rather than reinstating the sublease surcharge the county opted to eliminate the surcharge at all airports. San Diego International Airport does not have

a sublease surcharge, and the City of San Diego does not have such a surcharge for its Montgomery Field and Brown Field airports.

The elimination of the surcharge will cost the county approximately \$190,000 annually although county staff and the Board of Supervisors members believe that eliminating the surcharge will likely foster additional growth and business opportunities.

TAC recommends retention of East Mission and Winter Haven roads speed limits

Joe Naiman

Village News reporter

Contingent upon concurrence from the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, the speed limits on East Mission Road and Winter Haven Road will be maintained.

The county's Traffic Advisory Committee reviewed Winter Haven Road and three segments of East Mission Road during the Dec. 13 TAC meeting and recommended that the speed limits be retained and recertified for radar enforcement.

The radar recertification will require board of supervisors' approval, and that is slated for the March 25, 2020, meeting of the county supervisors.

"They came in right as was," said TAC secretary Kenton Jones.

Board of supervisors support would retain the 35 mph speed limit on East Mission Road between Iowa Street and Industrial Way, the 45 mph speed limit on East Mission Road between Industrial Way and 450 feet east of Stage Coach Lane, the 45 mph speed limit on East Mission Road from 450 feet east of Stage Coach Lane to Old Highway 395, and the 45 mph speed limit on Winter Haven Road between Brooke Road and Winterwarm Road.

For a speed limit to be enforceable by radar, a speed survey must show that the speed limit is within an adjacent 5 mph increment to the 85th %ile speed. Periodic recertification, including a supporting speed survey, is required for continued radar enforcement and the county's from 24 to 40 feet while the roadbed width ranges from 36 to 60 feet

A traffic survey was taken Sept. 25, 2019, 350 feet west of Minnesota Avenue and produced an average daily volume of 17,710 vehicles consisting of 9,003 westbound and 8,167 eastbound motorists.

The two-way traffic count in March 2012 at that location was 17,770 vehicles, and previous traffic surveys resulted in average daily volumes of 18,270 vehicles in November 2005 and 14,620 vehicles in February 1998.

The 0.72-mile segment had 34 reported collisions, including 12 which involved injury, during the 36-month period from Aug. 1, 2016, to July 31, 2019. That equates to a collision rate of 2.52 per million vehicle miles. The statewide average for similar roads is 1.80 collisions per million vehicle miles.

A speed survey in 2012 was taken at one location, specifically 1,000 feet east of Brandon Road. The 2012 speed survey at that location had an 85th %ile of 39.7 mph with 78.6 % of drivers within a 32-41 mph pace.

Speed surveys between Iowa Street and Industrial Way were taken at two locations in fall 2019. A Sept. 25 speed survey was conducted at Minnesota Avenue between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. The 540 vehicles had an 85th %ile of 38.3 mph and 83 % of the drivers were within a 30-39 mph pace.

The most common speeds were 35 mph with 71 motorists, 34 can be used. The speed zone for East Mission Road between Iowa Street and Industrial Way was 39.5 mph.

The distance along East Mission Road between Industrial Way and 450 feet east of Stage Coach Lane is 0.68 miles. The travel width ranges from 24 to 36 feet and the roadbed width ranges from 32 to 56 feet.

The Sept. 25, 2019, traffic survey 150 feet east of Stage Coach Lane counted 10.062 westbound and 9,748 eastbound vehicles or 19,810 in total. Surveys east of Stage Coach Lane and west of Knoll Park Lane had average daily volume figures of 19,510 vehicles in March 2012.

East Mission Road between Industrial Way and 450 feet east of Stage Coach Lane had 27 reported collisions between Aug. 1, 2016, and July 31, 2019, for a collision rate of 1.85 per million vehicle miles. The collisions included 16 in which at least one injury occurred. The statewide average for similar roads is 1.19 collisions per million vehicle miles.

The 2012 speed survey was taken 240 feet east of Knoll Park Lane. The 85th %ile was 47.0 mph and 79.5 % of the motorists traveled within a 38-47 mph pace.

The Oct. 2, 2019, speed survey was taken 200 feet east of Knoll Park Lane between 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. The 470 vehicles had an 85th %ile of 47.7 mph with 79 % within a pace of 39-48 mph. The most frequent speed was 45 mph with 62 drivers while 42 motorists traveled at 46 mph and 41 vehicles were at 42 mph when they crossed 395 had 91 reported collisions including 39 with injuries and one fatal collision. The collision rate for that portion of East Mission Road is 1.23 per million vehicle miles. The statewide average for similar roads is 1.19 per million vehicle miles.

Speed surveys for that segment of East Mission Road were taken at two locations in 2012.

The 2012 speed survey at Riverview Drive lowered the 85th %ile at that location to 44.0 mph with 70.7 % of the drivers within a 35-44 mph pace while the 2012 speed survey at Las Vistas Road had an 85th %ile of 45.0 mph with 87.0 % of the motorists within a pace of 38-47 mph.

Surveys at three locations were taken May 15, 2019. The survey at Riverview Drive was conducted between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. The 85th %ile was 46.4 % and 84 % of the 408 drivers were within a 38-47 mph pace.

The most common speeds were 43 mph with 51 drivers, 44 mph with 45 motorists, and 45 mph with 44 vehicles. Two drivers at 35 mph were the slowest while the fastest motorist had a speed of 54 mph.

A speed survey 200 feet east of Sunny Heights Road was taken between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. and measured the speeds of 396 vehicles. The 85th %ile speed was 50.6 mph and 79 % of the motorists were within a pace of 43-52 mph.

The most frequent speed was 45 mph with 51 drivers, 48 vehicles were traveling at 48 mph, and 37 motorists crossed the survey point at 47 mph. Two drivers had the highest speed of 60 mph while a motorist at 35 mph had the lowest speed.

most common speed, 53 motorists were traveling 33 mph, and 50 vehicles had a speed of 34 mph. The fastest vehicle had a speed of 45 mph while the slowest driver was traveling at 27 mph.

The speed zone for the three locations had an 85th %ile of 45.0 mph and 84.7 % of the drivers were within a pace of 37-46 mph.

Winter Haven Road between Brooke Road and Winterwarm Road has a distance of 1.07 miles. The two-lane road has centerline and edgeline striping. Each travel lane is 10 feet wide and the roadbed width ranges from 24 to 28 feet. Winter Haven Road is not classified on the mobility element.

The May 15, 2019, traffic survey was taken 500 feet east of Sunnycrest Lane. The 1,189 westbound and 1,114 eastbound motorists created an average daily volume of 2,303 vehicles. The December 2012 traffic survey east of Sunnycrest Lane counted 2,180 motorists and the September 1998 survey east of Sunnycrest Lane produced an average daily volume of 2,050 vehicles.

During the 36 months from Aug. 1, 2016, to July 31, 2019, the segment of Winter Haven Road had one collision, which involved injury. The collision rate of 0.37 per million vehicle miles compares favorably to the statewide average of 1.19 per million vehicle miles for similar roads.

The May 9, 2019, survey was taken 500 feet east of Sunnycrest Lane between 11:45 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. The 198 vehicles had an 85th %ile of 45.8 mph and 64 % of the drivers were within a 37-46 mph pace. The most common speeds were 42 mph with 21 motorists, 37 mph and 40 mph with 14 drivers apiece, and 43 mph with 13 vehicles. A driver at 54 mph was the fastest while a motorist traveling 26 mph had the lowest speed. "These are all stand pat," Jones said. "Good tool for radar enforcement."

Department of Public Works or a DPW contractor typically conducts speed surveys every seven years.

The speed limit may be rounded either up or down from the 85th %ile speed. The speed limit may also be rounded down an additional 5 mph if findings are made that the road has conditions which would not be apparent to a motorist unfamiliar with the road.

East Mission Road is a two-lane road for all three segments with centerline and edgeline striping and bicycle lanes. The mobility element of the county's general plan classifies East Mission Road as a Light Collector west of Brandon Road and as a Boulevard for the remainder of the street.

The segment of East Mission Road between Iowa Street and Industrial Way measures 0.72 miles. The travel lane width varies mph with 64 drivers, and 33 mph with 55 vehicles. Seven drivers who crossed the survey point at 45 mph were the fastest while the four slowest motorists traveled at 26 mph.

The other speed survey was taken 725 feet east of Brandon Road Oct. 2 between 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. That survey measured 327 vehicles whose 85th %ile was 40.8 mph with 86 % of drivers within a 33-42 mph pace.

The most common speeds were 37 mph with 41 drivers and 39 mph with 39 vehicles while 38 motorists apiece were driving 35 mph and 36 mph. The fastest vehicle was traveling at 48 mph while the slowest driver had a speed of 28 mph.

If speed surveys are taken at more than one location along a reviewed segment a "speed zone" for the entirety of the speed surveys the survey point. The fastest two motorists drove 57 mph while the two slowest drivers were at 35 mph.

East Mission Road from 450 feet east of Stage Coach Lane to Old Highway 395 is 3.27 miles. The travel lane width ranges from 24 to 40 feet and the roadbed width ranges from 36 to 48 feet. The most recent traffic survey for that part of East Mission Road was taken at Live Oak Park Road May 15, 2019, and counted 20,670 vehicles consisting of 10,578 westbound and 10,092 eastbound drivers

A March 2012 traffic survey taken east of Live Oak Park Road had a two-way daily volume of 21,500 vehicles.

Between Aug. 1, 2016, and July 31, 2019, East Mission Road between 450 feet east of Stage Coach Lane and Old Highway

The speed survey at Las Vistas Road was conducted between 1p.m. and 3 p.m. The 398 vehicles had an 85th %ile speed of 37.9 mph with 91 % of the drivers within a pace of 31-40 mph. The 60 drivers at 35 mph made that the

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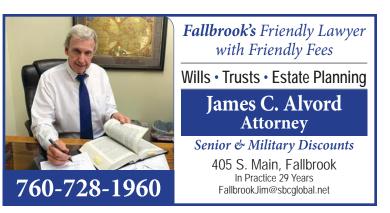
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BUSINESS

Vanderlaan selected as LAFCO vice-chair

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Village News reporter

Bonsall resident Andy Vanderlaan will be the vice-chair of San Diego County's Local Agency Formation Commission for the 2020 LAFCO board meetings.

Vanderlaan, who is the public member on the LAFCO board, was chosen as the LAFCO vicechair Dec. 2. County Supervisor Dianne Jacob, who was LAFCO's vice-chair for 2019, will be the 2020 chair.

"It's an honor to be chosen," Vanderlaan said. "It's always an honor to step up for that."

The San Diego County LAFCO board consists of two county supervisors (currently Jacob and Jim Desmond), one city council representative from San Diego (currently Mark Kersey), two city council members from the county's other 17 incorporated cities (currently Mary Salas of Chula Vista and Bill Wells of El Cajon), two members from special districts (currently Jo MacKenzie of the Vista Irrigation District, who was the LAFCO chair for 2019, and Barry Willis of the Alpine Fire Protection District), and one public member (currently Vanderlaan).

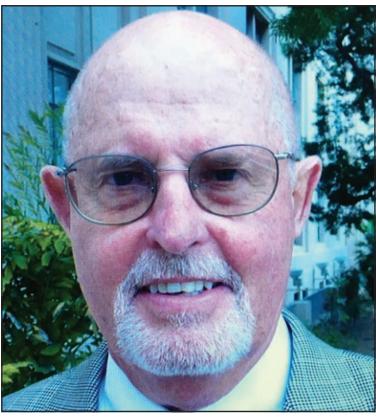
The LAFCO board voted 8-0 to select Jacob as chair and Vanderlaan as vice-chair, Dec. 2.

Vanderlaan has been LAFCO's public member since 1996, so 2020 will be his 25th year on the board.

"It's a pleasure to serve," he said.

Vanderlaan had previously been LAFCO's vice-chair in 2000, 2005, and 2012. Normally the LAFCO vice-chair becomes chair for the following year, although in some cases the desire for continuity with an ongoing project leads the LAFCO board to retain the chair and vice-chair.

Vanderlaan was LAFCO's chair



Andy Vanderlaan is the vice-chair of LAFCO for 2020.

in 2001 and then served three terms as chair from 2006 to 2008 while LAFCO was in the process of reorganizing fire protection and emergency medical services in unincorporated San Diego County.

The creation of the San Diego County Regional Fire Authority in 2008 initially included only territory served by a volunteer fire department but not by a legal fire protection district, and later phases added county service areas responsible for fire protection and emergency medical services (two such county service areas were instead merged with neighboring fire protection districts) and willing fire protection districts.

Vanderlaan had two consecutive terms as chair in 2013 and 2014. In 2001 Vanderlaan succeeded Julianne Nygaard, who was then a member of the Carlsbad City Village News/Courtesy photo

Council, as the LAFCO chair.

Each county in California has a LAFCO which handles jurisdictional boundary changes including incorporations, annexations, consolidations, detachments and dissolutions within that county.

"It's a great organization and it's such a great group of people there," Vanderlaan said.

Mike Ott was LAFCO's executive officer from 1992 until his retirement in 2017. Keene Simonds took over as LAFCO's executive officer after Ott's retirement, so this is Vanderlaan's first term as chair or vice-chair under Simonds.

"Keene has done a very good job," Vanderlaan said.

Although consolidations have occurred infrequently in recent years and no city has incorporated since Encinitas and Solana Beach in 1986, small annexations and detachments result in San Diego LAFCO processing numerous boundary changes each year.

A municipal service review evaluates services and anticipated needs. A sphere of influence study determines the boundaries best served by a particular agency.

Municipal service review and sphere of influence updates are prerequisites to a jurisdictional change other than annexation of land within the sphere of influence, and LAFCO also periodically conducts municipal service review and sphere of influence updates for all cities and special districts so that will be part of LAFCO's 2020 activity.

Some consolidations are approved with minimal opposition. In some cases, the consolation is supported by all boards involved but has public opposition.

In three instances since Vanderlaan joined the LAFCO board a consolidation was supported by one affected agency and opposed by another agency involved. The most recent of those was in 2015, when LAFCO's board voted 5-3 against merging the Fallbrook Public Utility District with the Rainbow Municipal Water District.

Vanderlaan, who lives in the Rainbow Municipal Water District, voted in favor of the FPUD-Rainbow merger in 2015. His district will once again be involved in a contested LAFCO proposal, as within a week of his appointment as LAFCO vice-chair both the Rainbow board and the FPUD board approved resolutions to send an application to LAFCO for a reorganization in which FPUD and Rainbow would detach from the San Diego County Water Authority and become part of the Eastern Municipal Water District.

"There is a lot of controversy associated with it,"

Vanderlaan said.

On Oct. 7, LAFCO's board voted 8-0 to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Riverside County's LAFCO which will delegate the potential reorganization entirely to San Diego LAFCO. That vote included direction to LAFCO staff to review the economic impacts not only for FPUD and Rainbow but also to the SDCWA and to the 22 other CWA member agencies.

The CWA and the other 22 agencies could incur adverse financial impacts if FPUD and Rainbow left – a preliminary CWA analysis estimated an annual impact of \$13 million - and the CWA has requested that if LAFCO approves the proposal a vote of the entire CWA service area be held to confirm the reorganization.

The proposed reorganization would be the first involving territory outside of San Diego County since 2000, when the 23.3 square mile Tri-Cities Municipal Water District which included 5.3 square miles in San Diego County was consolidated into Orange County's South Coast Water District.

No member agency has ever left the SDCWA and taken its territory with it (some former CWA member agencies transferred their land to a successor agency which remained in the CWA including the DeLuz Heights Municipal Water District, which was a CWA member before merging with FPUD in 1990).

The SDCWA itself is not a special district but a joint powers authority consisting of 15 independent (voter-elected) special districts, two dependent special districts (whose board members are the members of the district's city council), six city water departments, and Camp Pendleton.

"It's going to be a good one for the commission to take up and analyze," Vanderlaan said.

Fallbrook Chamber holds Christmas of Giving Open House



FALLBROOK – The Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce and its members gathered to support four local nonprofit charities - American Legion Post 776, Fallbrook Child Development



Sarina Johnson talks to visitors at the Fallbrook Village News/Courtesy photos Child Development Center table during the Christmas of Giving Open House.

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Each charity was represented during the evening and provided information about their causes and needs. Attendees donated to each organization as follows:

- American Legion Post 776 -\$331
- Fallbrook Child Development Center - \$560
- Live Oak Dog Park \$450

• Fallbrook Woman's Club – \$260 For more information about these nonprofit members, visit www. fallbrookchamberofcommerce.

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Seen at the Live Oak Dog Park table are, from left, Leo Romero, Ronne Branson, Barkly (mascot for Bark in the Park), Anne Richter and Deb Bottomley, at the Dec. 1 I Fallbrook Chamber event.

Transitions program wins economic development award

CARLSBAD – A trailblazing program at Palomar College that is helping formerly incarcerated students get back on their feet was recognized at the 2019 North County Excellence in Economic Development luncheon in Carlsbad, Dec. 12.

After a year of significant expansion, including the first classes inside the Vista Detention Facility, Palomar's "Corrections to College" program honored for contributing to the region's economy.

Known as "Transitions," the program was named the Higher Education award winner from the San Diego North Economic Development Council.

"As a result of the Transitions program at Palomar College, students who had never considered going to college are now enrolled and invested in their education," Palomar College Superintendent/ President Dr. Joi Lin Blake said. "Helping formerly incarcerated students take the next step - and bringing for-credit classes to those still behind bars - is another example of how Palomar is a force for positive change in the communities we serve."

Transitions provides a tightknit and supportive community on campus for students who have served time in correctional facilities. In 2018, Palomar also introduced the first for-credit college classes at the Vista Detention Facility, in a pioneering partnership with the San Diego County Sheriff's Department.

Classes offered range from English Composition and Reading Skills to Sociology and Statistics/ Behavioral Sciences.

The program helps previously incarcerated individuals make a smooth transition from the California criminal justice system into Palomar College and the communities where they live.

Among other things, Transitions provides resources and connections to meet students' basic needs so they can concentrate on their chosen field of study, reintegrate into the community, and become successful, lifelong learners.

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Warriors girls water polo off to fast start



Jeff Pack Staff writer

The Fallbrook Union High School girls varsity water p olo team is off to a fast start under head coach Sean Redmond, picking up where they left off last season when they made it to the CIF Division II finals before finishing second.

For all their successes last season, the Warriors will compete in Div. I this season.

The Warriors started the season with a huge 20-6 win over Mt. Carmel, then came back to beat Great Oak, Classical Academy, Helix and Vista to start the season quickly.

They played in the Winter Classic tournament from Dec. 19-21, but game results haven't been reported.

The Warriors will return home to take on El Camino on Jan. 8 and San Pasqual on Jan. 9, both games will start at 4:15 p.m.

The Warriors will then travel to Palomar College for a 6:15 p.m. game on Jan. 14 and return home on Jan. 16 for a 4:15 p.m. game against Escondido.

Sophia Wallace makes a pass for the Warriors.

Village News/Shane Gibson photos



SPORTS

Fallbrook boys basketball team on a roll



The Warriors varsity boys basketball team has started the season with an 8-2 record, the best start for the program since 2014.

Jeff Pack

Staff Writer

The Fallbrook Union High School boys varsity basketball team continues to roll through its 2019-20 preseason schedule. With eight wins on the season, they are one win away from matching the program's highest win total in the past five years.

The last time the Warriors had a winning record was following the 2014-15 season when Mike West's Warriors went 17-12. This year, at 8-2, Ryan Smith's Warriors are looking like they will have similar success.

That's no small feat considering the Warriors won just one game all of last season.

The Warriors had games scheduled with Tri-City Christian Jan. 1 and Maranatha Christian Jan. 2 in Tip-Off Classic, after press time, and were likely feeling good after thrashing Horizon Prep 70-38 Friday, Dec. 27, on the road.

That win came after a 10-day holiday break after the Warriors played at home against San Dieguito Academy and came away with a hard-fought 53-49 win Dec. 17.

The Warriors were also victorious against Classical Academy at home, beating the team from Escondido 53-48.

On Dec. 5, however, the Warriors suffered their second defeat of the season when they want on the road to take on Sage Creek, falling 68-48.

In that game, the Warriors started fast, bursting out to an 18-8 lead in the first quarter. But

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the Bobcats chipped away at the lead in the second, outscoring the Warriors 15-8.

The home team came alive in the third quarter and the Warriors had no answer, as Sage Creek outscored the Warriors 25-7 in the frame. They finished the game with another 20 points while the Warriors mustered only 14 in the fourth.

The Warriors will take on Hilltop at 4 p.m. Jan. 3 and Sage Ridge (Reno, Nevada) Jan. 4 in the New Year's Tip-Off Invitational.

Next, they travel to Escondido Charter Jan. 10 and Escondido High Jan. 14 to open league play on the road.

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Warriors girls' basketball off to solid start



Village News/Shane Gibson photo The Fallbrook High School Warriors girls' varsity basketball team has started the season 5-4 and is looking to improve heading into the league season which starts Jan. 14.

Jeff Pack Staff Writer

There have been no Fallbrook Union High School girls varsity basketball teams with a winning overall record at the school since Dan Bachman's 2014-15 team went 17-8.

So far this season, Jessica Ramirez's Warriors are 5-4 on the young season and making strides.

The Warriors had to be feeling good coming into tournament games with West Hills Saturday, Dec. 28, and Valhalla Monday, Dec. 30, (games played after press time) having just won big against Santana, taking down the Sultans 53-17 Friday, Dec. 27.

The Warriors scored early and often while playing solid defense throughout the game. The Warriors led at the half 28-9 and never looked back, putting up 19 points in the third quarter and six more in the fourth. The Sultans never scored more than 7 points in any quarter of the game.

The Warriors were equally impressive a day earlier Thursday, Dec. 26, in a 55-26 win over Patrick Henry.

Before entering that tournament, Fallbrook dropped two straight, falling 55-25 to San Dieguito Academy and 61-32 to El Camino.

The Warriors picked up a win Dec. 16 with a hard-fought 33-27 win over Mira Mesa and a solid 46-24 win over Sage Creek Dec. 11.

The Warriors next match up with Orange Glen Jan. 3 and San Marcos Jan. 8 on the road, and Rancho Bernardo at home Jan. 10 in cross league games. They will begin league play Jan. 14 at Escondido High School at 5:30 p.m.

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Collier finishes first Palomar College season at state cross-country meet

Joe Naiman

Village News Correspondent

After graduating from Bonsall

Collage's cross-country team, and that class was worth three units of credit.

"I thought that was a little bit among the 186 individual runners

placed 20th as a team, Collier posted a time of 23:12.3 on the 4-mile course. He placed 79th

High School in 2019, Max Collier became the first former Bonsall High cross-country runner to compete in college, and his Palomar College season ended at the state meet.

"It was very fun to continue my cross-country career," Collier said.

He said that being the first former Bonsall High School runner to compete in college makes him a role model for others.

"It feels great to be one of the first," Collier said.

Hugh Gerhardt is Palomar College's men's cross-country coach.

We met on campus, and we had a discussion about cross-country. I asked him about cross-country, and I was invited," Collier said. "I tried out and I made the team, made varsity."

Collier considers the level of competition to be the biggest transition to the college level.

"It was more rigorous than high school," he said.

The Bonsall Unified School District gives physical education credit only for actual physical education classes and not for athletics. Collier had to enroll in an actual class to be on Palomar different," he said.

The Pacific Coast Athletic Conference championship meet took place Oct. 25, at Morley Field in San Diego. A time of 24 minutes 18.60 seconds on the 4-mile course gave Collier 30th place among the 60 runners.

"I feel I did good," he said.

The Comets finished fourth at the league meet.

"It was a little bit disappointing not to get third, but it was still a good achievement," Collier said. We didn't get to bring home a trophy or anything, but we did good."

The Palomar Collage men didn't bring home any trophies, but the Palomar College women won the league championship.

The Southern California regional championship meet was held Nov. 8 in the Mission Bay area of San Diego.

"That course was an especially hard course," Collier said.

Collier said that the winding nature of the course made it difficult.

"Despite the difficulty of the course, I was able to do very well there," he said.

Although Palomar College

and qualified for the state meet.

"It felt very gratifying," Collier said. "It felt amazing to find out that I qualified for state."

Collier's time was also a personal record.

"I got a PR that race, and it just felt really good that I made it to state. It was a hard race. I gave it my all, and it paid off," he said.

The state meet, Nov. 23, was at the Woodward Park course in Fresno, which was also 4 miles.

Collier was one of 174 runners. including two who did not finish, and one of two Palomar College harriers. His time of 23:02 was worth 140th place.

"The state meet was a very competitive, very hard race, but it was also a very fun race," Collier said.

The large field of runners gave Collier opportunities.

"I enjoyed trying to pass people or attempting to keep up with people," he said.

Collier was initially undecided about running in college.

"I've been able to have a lot of fun, and I've been able to get better," he said.

Two place, eight qualify for second day of Jimmy Hamada Classic

Joe Naiman

Village News Correspondent

Two Fallbrook High School wrestlers placed among the top eight at the Jimmy Hamada Classic tournament, Dec. 6-7, at La Costa Canyon High School, and eight of the 11 Warriors who competed qualified for the second-day rounds of the tournament.

"The team performed really well there," Fallbrook coach Cristian Vera said. "The La Costa Canyon tournament is one of the toughest tournaments in the state. We want to be as competitive as we possibly can, and the boys did just that."

Despite not fielding grapplers in every weight class, the Warriors placed 19th among all schools in the tournament and fourth among North County schools.

The tournament had a doubleelimination format. Fallbrook's best showing in any weight class was in the 132-pound bracket; senior Kevin Sanchez placed fourth. Sanchez's only loss on the mat was in the round of 16 when his Selma High School opponent won a 4-3 decision.

"It was a close match," Vera said. "At the very end of the match, we were shooting for a takedown and couldn't get enough time to conclude it."

A takedown is worth two points, and thus would have given Sanchez a 5-4 victory had it occurred. Sanchez followed that loss with five consecutive victories to reach the third-place match. However, wrestlers are limited to five matches in one day so Sanchez had to forfeit that third-place match since he had already competed five times Dec. 7.

The other Fallbrook matman who placed was senior Carlos Hernandez took seventh in the 195-pound division. Hernandez lost in the round of 16, won his first three Dec. 7 matches, lost in the consolation semifinals and won the seventhplace bout.

"He had a phenomenal tournament. He did really well," Vera said.

Two other Fallbrook competitors reached the placing round whose victors received medals for being in the top eight.

"They were both really close matches, and they all wrestled well," Vera said.

Johnny Bermudez reached the quarterfinals of the 220-pound division before the junior lost to the bracket's top seed. Bermudez then lost a 6-4 decision in the placing round.

"Johnny Bermudez did exceptionally well at that tournament," Vera said.

Fallbrook's heavyweight contender, senior Javier Montoya, lost in the round of 16, won his first two matches on the second day and lost a 3-1 decision in the bout to place among the top eight.

"Javier Montoya also had a phenomenal tournament," Vera said.

A school is allowed to enter more than one wrestler in the same weight class, although only one of those can count towards team points. The 152-pound division included both junior Matthew Kendall and sophomore Ethan Aguila. Both reached the second day and placed in the top 16.

"There were some heartbreaking losses there," Vera said.

Frank Greenwood qualified for the second day of the tournament, although the junior was unable to compete. The 182-pounder was undefeated before the round of 16 but was injured in that match and withdrew. He was not able to compete in the losers' bracket the following day, and thus defaulted his Dec. 7 match.

"We're a growing program," Vera said. "I couldn't be happier with where we're at.'

Rain, protests didn't hurt Del Mar fall meet

Joe Naiman

Village News Correspondent

Two of the 15 scheduled Del Mar Thoroughbred Club fall meet dates were canceled due to rain and protesters seeking to end horse racing targeted the Bing Crosby Season meet in demonstrations and in the media, but Del Mar Thoroughbred Club general manager Joe Harper thought that the Bing Crosby Season meet was successful.

"It's the highest daily handle we've had in any of these meets," Harper said.

The California Horse Racing Board gave Del Mar a fall meet in 2014.

"I think it went well," Harper

unfortunate we had a few horses that were injured, but we're still the safest track in North America."

An unusually high number of fatalities at Santa Anita Park in 2019 placed other tracks under scrutiny. Del Mar undertook safety measures before the summer meet.

"The industry is embracing a lot of these new changes," Harper said.

State regulatory agencies provide standards for horse racing in each state. There is no national organization, although tracks can work together on standards.

The Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, which is a nonprofit organization, is working with the which operates the Aqueduct, Belmont Park and Saratoga tracks; Churchill Downs Inc., which owns eight tracks including the Louisville track and two harness racing tracks, and the Stronach Group, which includes the Santa Anita Park and Golden Gate Fields tracks in California, Portland Meadows in Oregon, Gulfstream Park in Florida, and Maryland's Laurel Park, Pimilco and Rosecroft tracks, on safety and other standards.

lot of protocols and things that will give us a lot safer racing," Harper said. "Now we're all going to be on the same page."

said of the 2019 fall meet. "It's

New York Racing Association,

"We came to an agreement on a

WINE & DINING

Throw a successful restaurant party

FALLBROOK - People who love to entertain but don't have the space to do so at home often take their love of hosting to nearby restaurants, which there are plenty to choose from between Fallbrook and Bonsall.

While much of the work on the day of the party is likely to be performed by restaurant staff. hosting a gathering at a local establishment has its challenges, particularly in regard to planning.

It's easy to focus solely on the cost of hosting a restaurant party, as that's likely to be the foremost consideration for hosts. And it's wise for hosts to develop a budget for their parties while also considering other ways to make their get-togethers successful.

On-site expenses

When shopping restaurants and other venues, ask the establishment managers to give a thorough rundown of proposed expenses. Get all estimates in writing so they can be easily compared.

The financial management resource The Balance says that common venue expenses can include room rental, food and beverages, security deposit, insurance needs, valet parking, taxes/gratuities, and other add-ons. These add-ons can include plating fees for cakes made off-premises or corkage fees for host-supplied wine.



Explore entertainment

Mingling and conversation are part of restaurant parties, but hosts can facilitate even more guest interaction by planning entertainment for the party. Discuss with the venue whether hired musicians or other entertainers are permissible. Something as lowkey as a table-side sleight of hand magician or a tarot card reader who can offer psychic intrigue may be fun.

Personalize the menu and space

Decorate the venue within reason, and abide by the rules of the house. Decorations may include festive balloons, ribbons or chair covers or colorful flowers or centerpieces, and take-aways for guests.

Discover if you can work with the chef to curate a special menu. This helps the kitchen staff immensely because they'll only have a set number of dishes to prepare rather than having to make foods off the larger menu all at once, says the food, home and wellness site MyDomaine.

Family-style appetizers also are effective. Print out custom menus with the event title on top, or ask if the restaurant can make them.

Decide on bar service

Alcoholic refreshments can quickly consume a budget, so frugal hosts might need to reign in expenses in this department. Wine and spirits can be expensive if they're not included in the restaurants price-fixed party package.

It's perfectly acceptable to offer some carafes of wine or pitchers of beer on the table and ask guests to pay for their own

specialized drinks.

If you do not opt for a full open bar, ask the wait staff explain to guests what is and isn't included before they order.

Make parking accessible

Selecting a venue with on-site parking or valet service can make things more convenient for guests.

A few simple strategies can help hosts the navigate the process of hosting parties at restaurants.





OBITUARIES



Detroit, Michigan. The eldest of six, he was a proud alumnus of St. Mary's of Orchard Lake High School and Wayne State University.

Joe enjoyed a distinguished career in the automobile industry working for Cadillac Motors in Detroit and then for the American Sunroof Corporation. After a 25year career with ASC, he retired as President of Worldwide Sales and Distribution.

During retirement in Fallbrook, Joe enjoyed many activities. His love of travel, golf, classic cars and a tumbler of scotch was well known. He loved time spent with family and friends. Always one for a party, Joe enjoyed sharing good food and wine, lively conversation and laughter, lots of laughter. A proud veteran of the United States Coast Guard, Joe believed Joe was born May 6, 1941, in in God, family and country.

This commitment to service and good works continued with his involvement with the Knights of Columbus becoming a Grand Knight as well as a Faithful Navigator.

During his life, Joe struggled with Multiple Sclerosis yet he remained optimistic, strong and brave.

Married for 55 years to his beloved wife Barbara, he was father to Anne Southwick and Mary Marsh. He leaves behind sons-in-law Timothy Southwick, Patrick Marsh and his three grandchildren, Grace Southwick, Ryan and Matthew Marsh as well as three brothers and his sister.

We will celebrate a great man

On Thursday, December 12, 2019, Joseph Donald Bator passed away with his wife Barbara by his side.

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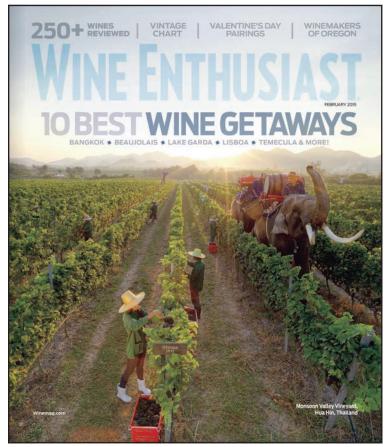
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The 2019 Wine and Dine Year in Review



Members of Temecula Valley Winegrowers Association, Visit Temecula Valley and wineries in Temecula Wine Country celebrate Temecula Valley being named to the Top 10 Wine Getaways list by Wine Enthusiast magazine. Valley News/Jeff Pack photo

Jeff Pack

Staff Writer

With an eye focused on 2020 (get it?), we thought it might be good to take look (sorry!) back at some of the more interesting stories in our area's wining and dining world.

Here are some of the highlights month by month:

Wine country celebrates in January

Members of Temecula Valley Winegrowers Association and Visit Temecula Valley met Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019, on the balcony at Wilson Creek Winery and Vineyards to celebrate making the list of Top 10 Wine Getaways by Wine Enthusiast magazine in its February travel issue.

The story featured a short introduction by author Matt Kettmann with a touch of the history of the wine region, mentioning pioneers like Jon Moramarco and Ely Callaway and the "Rainbow Gap" that allows the Pacific Ocean breezes to cool the vines.

As winery owners, winemakers and stakeholders clinked glasses

filled with bubbly Champagne, they reflected on what it took to get to this point.

Renzoni talks expansion in February

Sitting in the expansive patio area at Robert Renzoni Vineyards and Winery on a perfect afternoon, the owner of one of the most popular wineries in Temecula, Renzoni discussed his plans to build an 8,100-square-foot storage building on the northernmost portion of his property overlooking the winery and tasting room.

"I'm probably going to be breaking ground here within a month," Renzoni said. "That will make us a 100% self-contained, selfsufficient winery. I should hopefully have everything done here by June."

Baily reflects on career in wine country in March

Surrounded by gigantic stainless steel wine tanks, Phil Baily was pushing buttons, inserting hoses and checking water lines as he cleaned the tanks to get ready to make a new batch of wine.

The winery owner and wine-



There are plenty of toasts made when everyone shared a glass of Champagne at the announcement Valley News/Jeff Pack photo þarty.



Robert Renzoni stands near the spot overlooking the area that will become his new 8,100-square-foot storage facility.

maker has been crafting premium vintage wines since 1986, when, after 15 years as a consulting actuary, Baily and his wife, Carol, and two young sons left San Marino for Temecula.

To say, Baily had an extensive background in winemaking when the couple moved to Temecula would be an overstatement.

But there was a solid interest. "We'd always been very intersted in wine," Baily said. "We've people," Baily said. "You know, we like to do things, and we are horrible managers. We don't like to tell people what to do. We like to do things ourselves. When we started, we always envisioned that we would be getting our hands dirty and doing it. We never envisioned a time when we wouldn't be doing it and where we'd be delegating it.'

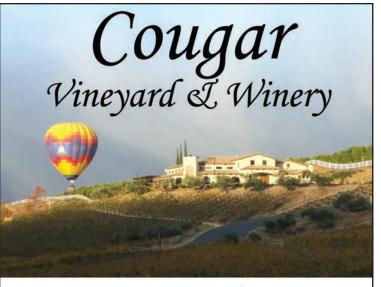
South Coast vines were blessed April

Valley News/Jeff Pack photo to work considering the amount

of rain the region got in the past winter. "I was praying for rain and we

got good rain this year," Burdick said. "I'm hoping the blessing takes the vintage one level higher, but it's always a hope and a prayer, and all the credit over to God."

Winemaker Javier Flores said as long as temperatures continue to trend the way they have been not too hot and hot too cold with good differentials from night to day - the harvest should be better than last year. It was.



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always enjoyed wine with our dinner, and we've always visited wine countries, going back to when we first got married in the 60s."

Now almost 30 years later, Baily was asked whether he ever saw himself cleaning giant tanks all by his lonesome in his expansive winemaking facility.

"Carol and I are both hands on

Whether or not Monsignor Tom Burdick's blessing at South Coast Winery's Blessing of the Vines event Sunday, April 7, worked or not would only be known six months later.

The monsignor offered blessings for a fruitful growing season in 2019 and noted that the blessings he performed last year seemed

Drake inducted in April

When Ben R. Drake lost his battle with cancer in November 2018, the loss greatly impacted his family, friends and colleagues near and far.

In Temecula Wine Country, losing Drake left a giant hole that many in the grape growing and winemaking industry feel will never be completely filled.

Drake was president of Drake Enterprises Inc., which he owned and operated for more than 37 years, and managed hundreds of groves and vineyards in the Temecula Valley and beyond.

He spent decades serving on boards and commissions both locally and statewide that provided him the opportunity to have an impact on and provide leadership in the industry and while carrying a torch for the Temecula Valley region.

Considering Drake's breadth of accomplishments and immeasurable impact on Temecula Wine Country, the TVWA chose to induct him into its Hall of Fame during the 36th annual Grape Day conference, April 18, at South Coast Winery.

De Portola Wine Trail hosts 10th Big Red Fest in April

You could forgive folks who attended the De Portola Wine Trail's 10th annual Big Red Fest for slowing down, sipping a little more slowly and taking in the view from one of the member winery's patios in the late afternoon Sunday, April 28.

That's because Big Red Fest offered plenty of 3-ounce tastings of big, bold red wines paired with appetizers to please their taste buds and fill their bellies.

Gershon Bachus Vintners' Christina Falik said she spent the whole day before making the shepherd's

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Monsignor Tom Burdick delivers his blessing of the vines at South Coast Winery's Blessing of the Vines event Sunday, April 7. Valley News/Jeff Pack photo



pie they served at the event, making sure all of the people that came to the event left satisfied.

"It's important to make them happy. You have to send them away with a full belly and a smile on their face," Falik said estimating more than 750 attended this year's event.

Carter Estate offers new wine and chocolate experience in May

Carter Estate Winery in Temecula revealed a new experience that wine and chocolate lovers didn't miss when it paired with the nearby Sugarplum Farm to create the Wine and Chocolate Pairing Experience.

"We have a lovely person that we've partnered with that's actually just right up the street from us and she is incredible," Krystal Aponte, director of tasting room and wine club operations, said. "She's got these beautiful truffles that she presented to us, and we thought chocolate and wine, of course, is an amazing pairing. So, we sat down, tasted a couple of different wines, with her different chocolates and customized a full flight that works with the pairing offerings that we do."

Temecula Valley Balloon and Wine Festival closes in May, opens in June

Temecula Wine Country's biggest event of the year offered wine lovers more than 60 different wines from up to 20 wineries during event at Lake Skinner Recreation Area, May 31-June 2.

In addition to wine tasting, there were plenty of local and regional breweries on hand, shopping, morning balloon launches, live music plus the "Toast the Glow" experience in the main stage amphitheater.

The concerts featured performances by Chase Bryant, A Thousand Horses and Russell Dickerson Friday, and Saturday headliners Three Doors Down were joined by Soul Asylum and Dishwalla. Big and Rich with Russell Dickerson rocked the crowd Sunday.

Rosie and Gerry Wilson tell their story in June

Who could know that a chance meeting on a train would turn into a friendship, then a marriage, then children and finally an awardwinning successful winery in Temecula Wine Country?

In the 1970s, Rosie and Gerry Wilson moved their family west to South Pasadena where they would soon become the unofficial parents to all the children in the neighborhood, according to their eldest son, Bill Wilson.



Carter Estate Winery's Wine and Chocolate Pairing Experience is available exclusively on Fridays and features estate wines paired with chocolate created by nearby Sugarplum Farms.



Big and Rich perform for the crowd at the Temecula Valley Balloon and Wine Festival Sunday, JunYall@y News/Jeff Pack photo

When his parents were retiring and considering moving to Solvang to be closer to their daughter, Bill Wilson was at a crossroads in his career. That's when he approached his parents and siblings with the idea of opening a winery in Temecula.

Their son's suggestion was an intriguing proposition, and Wilson Creek Winery and Vineyard was born.

Today, the couple lives on the property and visitors can find them almost every day milling around the winery, taking pictures with guests and espousing the wisdom they have each accumulated over their more than 85 years.

The decision to take a chance on a 20-acre plot of land out in the middle of nowhere instead of spending their days on a golf course has paid off they said.

Doffo hosts veterans workshop in June

Thanks in part to a selfie taken by Mayor Pro Tem James Stewart at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Naval Branch Health Clinic Temecula, four men, one woman, veterans and a first-responder California highway patrolman, had the opportunity to participate in American Patriot Music Project's STEM Guitar Building Project June 27-30, at Doffo Winery.

The five participants built their own electric guitars during the four-day instructional program led by Tom Singer of the STEM Guitar NSF Project with a team of three to four instructors from Sinclair College and Edmonds Community College.

The American Patriot Music Project sponsored the participants with money donated to the local group by the city of Temecula.

"I love that they work with veterans in something totally different, music," Stewart said. "And the fact that they are a local band helping veterans build guitars was a very unique concept."

In June, Barrel Republic talk-

Wine Country Events Calendar

	FRIDAY, JAN. 3
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Craft Faire, Maurice Car'rie Winery
1-2:30 p.m.	Behind the Scenes Wine Tour, South Coast Winery
3-5:30 p.m.	Happy Hour, Vineyard Rose, South Coast Winery
5-8 p.m.	Live Music, Son and Reynolds, Cougar Vineyard and Winery
6-9 p.m.	Live Music, JD Priest, Miramonte Winery
6-9 p.m.	Live Music,Shoot 4 Tuesday, Lorimar Winery
6-9 p.m.	Live Music, Jimmy Hewitt, Lorimar Winery in Old Town Tem- ecula
6-10 p.m.	Live Music, Hall and Oats Tribute, Bel Vino Winery
	SATURDAY, JAN. 4
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Craft Faire, Maurice Car'rie Winery
Noon to 4 p.m.	Live Music, Indica Roots, Bel Vino Winery
Noon to 4 p.m.	Live Music, Astra Kelly, Masia de la Vinya
12:30-3 p.m.	Live Music, Charles Sacayan, Carol's Restaruant at Baily Winery
1-5 p.m.	Live Music, Tim Apple, Fazeli Cellars
1-5 p.m.	Live Music, Sheila Sondergard, Danza del Sol Winery
3:30-5:30 p.m.	Happy Hour, Vineyard Rose, South Coast Winery
6-9 p.m.	Live Music, Rayford Bros, Miramonte Winery
6-9 p.m.	Live Music, Mrs. Jones' Revenge, Lorimar Winery
6-9 p.m.	Live Music, Crutch, Lorimar Winery in Old Town Temecula
	SUNDAY, JAN. 5
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Brunch Specials at Meritage Restaurant, Callaway Winery
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Craft Faire, Maurice Car'rie Winery
11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Dog Day Sundays, Carol's Restaurant at Baily Winery
Noon to 4 p.m.	Live Music, Shoot 4 Tuesday, Bel Vino Winery
1-4 p.m.	Live Music, ShaShaty, Europa Village
1-5 p.m.	Live Music, Lilah Vener, Fazeli Cellars
2-5 p.m.	Live Music, John Rankin, Cougar Vineyard and Winery
3:30-5:30 p.m.	Happy Hour, South Coast Winery
3-6 p.m.	Live Music, Summer Winstead, Lorimar Winery in Old Town Temecula
	UPCOMING

Jan. 15-16 is Cougar Winery's fifth annual Cougar meets Italy.

Jan. 16 is Laugh Your Glass Off at Lorimar Winery from 6-9 p.m.

Jan. 22 is Paint Your Pet on Framed Glass Wednesday at Cougar Winery, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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Veterans and first-responders participate in the American Patriot Music Project's STEM Guitar Building Project from June 27-30 at



Gerry and Rosie Wilson are the heart and soul of Wilson Creek Winery and Vineyard. Valley News/Jeff Pack photo



Akash Patel, middle, stands with his parents, Rey, left, and Nalini in the vineyard in front of the family's Akash Winery. After six months of renovations, Akash Winery held a grand opening party Saturday, July 27. Valley News/Jeff Pack photo

ed Temecula opening

According to owner and president of Barrel Republic, Dave Pike, the pour-your-own craft beer and restaurant was shooting for a late 2019 opening at its new Third Street location in Old Town Temecula.

So far, it hasn't happened. But the plan is still in place. Barrel Republic "coming soon" signs are still posted at the Third Street and Mercedes Street location.

Previously occupied by Third Street Bar and Grill, Barrel Republic is purchasing the building outright, after first planning to move into the former location of Serendipity Antiques on Main Street.

"The Main Street location is still a gem and (we) have plans to develop something fantastic there in the near future," Pike said. "We just thought purchasing an existing restaurant would be more efficient and get us open sooner."

Akash hosts grand opening party in July

Akash Winery and Vineyards hosted its official grand opening party Saturday, July 27, after spending about six months serving wine at a local business while improvements were made to the property.

The winery, which is seven years in the making, spent the last six months improving its main structure and installing infrastructure.

Monte De Oro hosts August blind tasting event

Monte De Oro Winery hosted a blind tasting Friday, Aug. 16, featuring its award-winning petite sirah against competitors.

The winery's 2015 Petite Sirah was recently awarded a Double Gold Medal, a 98 Point Rating, was named Best Red Wine in the Southern California Region and best Petite Sirah in all of California – so they've decided to put it to another test.

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The Pool at Bottaia, seen from the Bottaia Tasting Room patio, opens to the public April 21, 2019.

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WINE from previous page

The Monte De Oro staff collected the best varietals from varying regions to put together an all-star tasting event.

Bottaia opens new pool experience in August

"La Dolce Vita" means "The Sweet Life" in Italian and that's exactly what the Pool at Bottaia aims to offer guests to the new pool, bar, and cafe facility in Temecula Wine Country.

While Bottaia Winery is open by reservation only, is strictly for adults ages 21 and over and is designed to offer an upscale experience for wine drinkers, the Pool at Bottaia is family friendly, a little more relaxed but luxurious nonetheless.

For parents of young children who enjoy wine, it may be the best way to experience Bottaia's Italian varietal wines without having to leave their children at home with a babysitter.

Black Tie Bottaia raised funds in August

More than 100 people donned their finest to attend Black Tie Bottaia, a fundraising dinner to support the efforts of Rancho Damacitas Children and Family Services Tuesday, Aug. 27, hosted by Ponte Winery at Bottaia Winery in Temecula Wine Country.

The wineries provided a fivecourse, wine-paired dinner for every ticketholder that included a butter lettuce salad with Bottaia's 2017 Verdicchino; a diver scallop with black lentils paired with a 2014 Barbera; a cucumber and gooseberry granita for intermezzo; a filet mignon and potato ragu paired with a 2017 Sangiovese and strawberry shortcake paired with a 2017 Toppano.

The dinner was held on Bottaia's Club Terrace as the sun went down.

Julie Ngo, the chair for Rancho Damacitas Children and Family Services board of directors, came up with the idea to create an elevated event that would serve as the ultimate fundraising event for the nonprofit.

Music filled the air in September

Hot summer days mean hot summer nights and Temecula Wine Country was buzzing all summer long with live bands performing into the late evening at several establishments.

From cover bands like Twisted Gypsy at Thornton Winery to Stairway to Zeppelin at Bel Vino Winery and Kodi Lee sharing the stage with headlining Warrant at Wiens, music fans had the best of both worlds with wines and live music flowing freely all over wine country in September.

Wilson Creek hosts "Symphony" in September

Originally, the "Symphony in the



Vines" concert proposed by Wilson Creek Winery founders Rosie and Gerry Wilson was intended to be highlighted by a harvest moon hanging over the outdoor stage at the winery.

This year, though the moon struggled to peek through the evening clouds that formed, the community showed up in even greater numbers as more than 400 purchased tickets for the event.

The symphony, led by Temecula Valley Symphony conductor John Mario performed music from John Williams, "Game of Thrones," Ed Sheeran, "The Greatest Showman," Andrea Bocelli, Broadway, Freddy Mercury from Queen, Beethoven and more.

Grapes pay the price in September

For the hundreds of people that came out to participate in South Coast Winery Resort and Spa's annual Grape Stomp celebration Sunday, Sept. 15, they were willing to sacrifice cleanliness for fun.

Owners Dawn and Jim Carter were on hand, as were winemakers Jon McPherson and Javier Flores to celebrate the start of harvest season with a harvest moon hanging overhead.

After dinner, the Grape Stomp competition began pitting twomember teams against each other in several rounds of competition.

While one team member was in the barrel crushing grapes with their bare feet, the other member of the team was collecting juice in a bottle. A winner was announced when one of the teams was able to fill up their bottle.

CRUSH turns chilly in September

From poke to montepulciano, hundreds of people braved a chilly, sometimes wet evening to indulge in offerings 38 Temecula Valley Winegrowers Association member wineries and more than a dozen local restaurants. Ticketholders had the opportunity to mix and mingle with winery owners and winemakers from 38 wineries from Temecula Wine Country, sampling some of their best varietals. There was live music provided by Season 8 "American Idol" contestant, Kai Kalama, and the event was sold out.



South Coast winemaker Javier Flores takes a photo with a contestant at the annual Grape Stomp celebration Sunday, Sept. 15.



The Bank Mexican Restaurant and Bar closed and has been reimagined as The Bank – Plates and Pours starting Thursday, Nov. 22. Valley News/Courtesy photo

Bella Vista Winery talks about future in October

Gizella and Imre Cziraki aren't ready to retire anytime soon. They said they're having too much fun running one of the oldest wineries in Temecula Wine Country, they said, during an interview with the Valley News.

While sitting down with Imre Cziraki in the morning at the winery to talk about everything they had going on at Bella Vista Winery, formerly Cilurzo Winery, Gizella Cziraki was busy milling around, cleaning up, organizing and getting ready for a day of business.

The friendly couple has owned the winery since 2004, but in the last few years, they have made a concerted effort to update and improve the facilities, tasting rooms and property, which is one of the biggest plots in wine country.

After selling his machine shop in Cerritos, Imre Cziraki and his wife came back to work at the winery full time a year ago. They have once again began advertising and marketing the business and beginning to see results.

Recently, the winery has been

Bottega Italia will open in April or May and add the new venue to Prestifilippo's current businesses – Gourmet Italia, Spuntino Pizzeria and Delicatessen, The Bar Next Door and Poggio Leano Winery and wine bar.

Christmas arrives at South Coast in December

South Coast Winery Resort hosted about 300 of its closest friends and wine club members at its annual Tree Lighting Festival in the winery's courtyard, Dec. 1.

The event featured a photo booth, Mad Hatter craft station, rides on tractor and horse-drawn carriages, cookie decorating, choir and caroler performances and, of course, photos with Santa Claus.

Three young members of the Carter family helped throw the switch to light the tree.

TVWA's Blind Tasting event switches gears in December

More than 200 wine lovers sipped and savored wines from some of their favorite wineries, Dec. 12, during Temecula Valley Winegrowers Association's first-ever Blind Taste Temecula Valley at South Coast Winery Resort. Tables of roughly 10 people apiece enjoyed an evening of blind tasting wines provided by the wineries of their choosing with information and descriptions provided by winery owners and winemakers.

More than 100 supporters of Rancho Damacitas Children and Family Services attend a five-course Bottaia wine-paired dinner with live music by the Temecula Valley Symphony and the Temecula Valley Players. Valley News/Jeff Pack photo



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Oktoberfest on tap at Bel Vino in October

The German beer was flowing and the bratwurst sizzling during Bel Vino's Oktoberfest Friday, Oct. 18.

Attendees dressed in their finest lederhosen and dirndls to win prizes and battled each other during stein holding contests.

Music was provided by the Kalifornia Krauts, providing authentic and Oktoberfest-popular tunes throughout the night.

Refuge Brewery provided German Kohlsch for attendees and they waited for authentic German bratwurst, hot off the grill. Bel Vino wine was available all evening long inside the tasting room.

It was the first-ever Oktoberfest event to held at the winery.

collecting medals for the wines they grow on the property and at their vineyard in La Cresta, which he has owned since 1982.

The Bank makes a switch in November

After 41 years of serving up authentic Mexican food to visitors in Old Town Temecula, The Bank Mexican Restaurant and Bar owner Craig Puma told the Valley News that they have reimagined the restaurant and were taking it in a new direction to do business as The Bank – Plates and Pours.

Puma said they made the change to "step up their game" to meet the demands of potential customers flocking to a burgeoning Old Town Temecula cuisine scene.

The restaurant debuted a brandnew menu, which Puma described as "Mexican with a Pacific Rim flair."

To execute and develop the new menu, the Pumas hired Jake Takao, a local with 30 years in the community and in restaurants.

Prestifilippo announces plans for new restaurant

When Alex Prestifilippo moved to Temecula more than 20 years ago, he could never have imagined he would still be here today, the owner of two restaurants in town. Make that three restaurants – if all goes well – he announced in November.



A contestant in the men's ledernosen contest works for vote. Bel Vino Winery's Oktoberfest Friday, Oct. 18.

Valley News/Jeff Pack photo

After dinner, the winners were announced and people could try the wines chosen by neighboring tables.

Europa Village talks Bolero progress in December

According to Europa Village's director of winery operations, Leonard Lavyn-Grose, the winery was always envisioned to be a venue that presented three of the world's best wine regions.

With the building of Bolero Cellars beginning to take shape in Temecula Wine Country, the vision set forth by founder and chairman Dan Stephenson is starting to become a little more of a reality.

Stephenson bought the land for the project around 2006, but a market crash slowed the project.

Instead of pursuing the original building, they embarked on creating Europa Village first.

When it opens in March 2020, the sprawling Spanish winery will feature a large tasting room, restaurant, dedicated members room, retail shop, outdoor seating areas, conference space, 10 casitas and all the facilities needed for a wedding to be hosted at the facility.

Owners announce in December that Goat and Vine to move

One of Old Town Temecula's hottest dining locations will be closing its doors. But don't worry The Goat and Vine devotees, they will reopen, bigger and better than ever, according to owner Brad Trevithick.

The restaurant, with a stone hearth kitchen, crafts gourmet pizzas, rustic bread for sandwiches, salads, appetizers and serves craft beer and wine, will move into the space currently occupied by another Trevithick restaurant, The Nightingale, inside the Truax building.

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Pentagon warns military mail-in DNA tests pose security risks

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The Pentagon warned members of the military against using mailin DNA kits as they may pose a security risk, Yahoo said.

An internal memo, co-signed by the Defense Department's top intelligence official, was issued Dec. 20 and obtained by the publication.

It warned that the kits are "largely unregulated" and that information collected by private companies could create a potential risk to military members.

The memo also said that some DNA kit companies are targeting military personnel with discounts, although it does not name any specific companies.

"These DTC (direct-toconsumer) genetic tests are largely unregulated and could expose personal and genetic information and potentially create unintended security consequences and increased risk to the joint force and mission," according to the memo. "Moreover, there is increased concern in the scientific community that outside parties are exploiting the use of genetic data for questionable purposes, including mass surveillance and the ability to track individuals without their authorization or awareness."

The memo also suggested that potential "inaccuracies" in health information could pose further risk to military personnel, who are required to report medical issues. However, it does not elaborate further on exactly what these risks are.

Yahoo said the memo is The Epoch Times.

signed by Joseph D. Kernan, the undersecretary of defense for intelligence, and James N. Stewart, the assistant secretary of defense for manpower.

A growing number of companies sell DNA kits that can easily be done at home by the consumer, taking a cheek swab or saliva sample.

The results provide consumers with information on their ancestry, their family tree, as well as insights into possible medical risks.

The department is advised military personnel to get DNA results information from a "licensed professional."

"We want to ensure all service members are aware of the risks of direct to consumer genetic testing," representative Elissa Smith told The Hill. "The unintentional discovery of markers that may affect readiness could affect a service member's career, and the information from DTC genetic testing may disclose this information."

Smith said that the information provided by private companies "may or may not" be reliable results.

Last year, a number of companies that offer consumer genetic testing pledged to protect customer privacy under a new set of voluntary guidelines after growing concerns over data being used by third parties without customer consent.

The guidelines mean companies must provide detailed transparency to consumers about how genetic data is collected, used, shared and retained.

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Biggest U.S. Wage Growth in Decade for Lowest-Paid Workers

"In November, the U.S. unemployment rate fell back to 3.5 percent, the lowest in nearly a half-century, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said."

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The incomes of the bottom 25 percent of U.S. wage-earners are rising at the fastest rate of all groups of employees, according to data published by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

The wages of the lower-most quartile grew by 4.5 percent in November from a year earlier, according to the Fed, while wages for the top 25 percent increased by 2.9 percent over the same period. The last time the wages of the bottom 25 percent of wage-earners grew at 4.5 percent was in August 2008, and before that, in October 2002.

Dynamic wage growth among the lowest-earning cohort is indicative of an increasingly tightening labor market.

The Atlanta Fed also found that the highest wage growth in November was noted for workers in finance and business services (4.1 percent), followed closely by manufacturing (4.0 percent), and construction and mining (4.0 percent).

Employees in the education and health industries experienced the lowest earnings gains in the same month, coming in at 3.0 percent.

The month of November also saw a convergence of wage growth to 3.6 percent overall among the three groups of high-skill, midskill, and low-skill workers.

More Workers to Qualify for Overtime Pay in 2020

An additional 1.3 million

workers will see an increase in pay in the new year, after new rules from the Labor Department go into effect on Jan. 1, 2020.

Under new federal rules, more workers will be eligible for overtime pay if they log more than 40 hours a week, after the department raised the threshold the first time in more than 15 years—for when employees are exempted from being paid overtime.

The new threshold will rise to \$684 per week or \$35,568 a year, which is a 50 percent increase from the current threshold of \$455 per week or \$23,660 a year. The rules will also allow employers to cover up to 10 percent of the threshold with bonuses and commissions that are paid at least annually or more frequently.

The purpose of the new threshold is to exempt executive, administrative, or professional employees from the Fair Labor Standards Act's minimum wage and overtime pay requirements, the department said. It added that the new threshold would take into account wage and salary growth since 2004.

Sustained Labor Market Strength

The number of Americans filing applications for unemployment benefits fell last week, in a sign of ongoing labor market strength.

Initial claims for state unemployment benefits declined 13,000 to a seasonally adjusted 222,000 for the week ended Dec. 21, the Labor Department said on Dec. 26.

In November, the U.S. unemployment rate fell back to 3.5 percent, the lowest in nearly a half-century, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said. "Notable job gains occurred in health care and in professional and technical services," William W. Beach, commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, said.

Unemployment rates were lower in November in seven states, higher in five states, and stable in 38 states and the District of Columbia, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported Dec. 20. Seven states had jobless rate decreases from a year earlier, two states had increases, and 41 states and the District of Columbia had little or no change.

Figures show that in January 2019, the unemployment rate among men 20 years old or older was 3.7 percent, while the jobless rate for women in the same age bracket was 3.6 percent. In November, the unemployment rate for both combined fell to 3.2 percent.

By comparison, joblessness among the cohort of 16- to 19-year-olds ticked down to 12 percent in November, compared to 12.9 percent in January. Peak unemployment for this group in the past two decades hit 27.2 percent in October 2009.

Joblessness among African Americans reached historic lows in 2019, falling to 5.5 percent in November from 6.8 percent in January.

Labor market strength is underpinning consumer spending, keeping the economy on a moderate growth path, despite headwinds from trade tensions and slowing global growth that have weighed on manufacturing.

Janita Kan and Reuters contributed to this report.

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Taliban council agrees to Afghanistan cease-fire

Jack Phillips The Eboch Times

The Taliban said it has agreed to a temporary cease-fire across Afghanistan, creating a window of opportunity to hash out details of possible peace talks toward ending an 18-year-long war with the United States, according to reports. The ruling council confirmed the cease-fire to The Associated Press over the weekend. The head of the Taliban, Mawlawi Hibatullah Akhundzada, hasn't approved the deal, although AP reported that it's expected. The Taliban hasn't made any official announcements about the deal.

delegation went to Quetta, the Quetta council, which is mostly military, had different views on the ceasefire," said Sami Yousufzai, a freelance journalist in Doha, told Afghan website TOLO News. He made the comments several days before the cease-fire reports emerged. enables constructive intra-Afghan talks on peace to take place," Yamamoto said in a statement.

U.S. peace envoy Zalmay Khalilzad on Dec. 7 held the first

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The Wall Street Journal reported that the Taliban council came to the agreement Dec. 25 in the Pakistani city of Quetta.

"It is said that the Peshawar council, which has the largest number of Taliban leaders, has made a positive decision on the ceasefire, but when the Taliban Jalaluddin Shinwari, a former member of the Taliban, said: "Every decision taken by the leadership is obeyed, based on Sharia. But since a discussion is an Islamic principle, there must be some discussion between the political leaders and military commanders of the (Taliban)."

Last week, the U.N. Secretary General's special representative for Afghanistan, Tadamichi Yamamoto, called on the Taliban, the Afghan government, and the United States to make a deal on a permanent cease-fire.

"The United Nations urges all stakeholders to seek ways to reduce levels of violence, especially the violence which harms civilians, on the way to a lasting political settlement and a permanent ceasefire. Implementing a reduction of violence is also important in creating an environment that official talks with the Taliban, coming several months after President Donald Trump declared that a peace deal with the terrorist organization was dead. Trump made the comment after the Taliban claimed responsibility in September for a terrorist attack in Kabul, the nation's capital.

On Thanksgiving Day in November, the president visited a military base in Afghanistan and served food to U.S. troops stationed there. There are about 12,000 troops currently serving in the country, amid the conflict triggered by the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

"The Taliban wants to make a deal. We'll see if they want to make a deal. It's got to be a real deal, but we'll see. But they want to make a deal," Trump told reporters at the time.

It's not clear how long the cease-fire would last.

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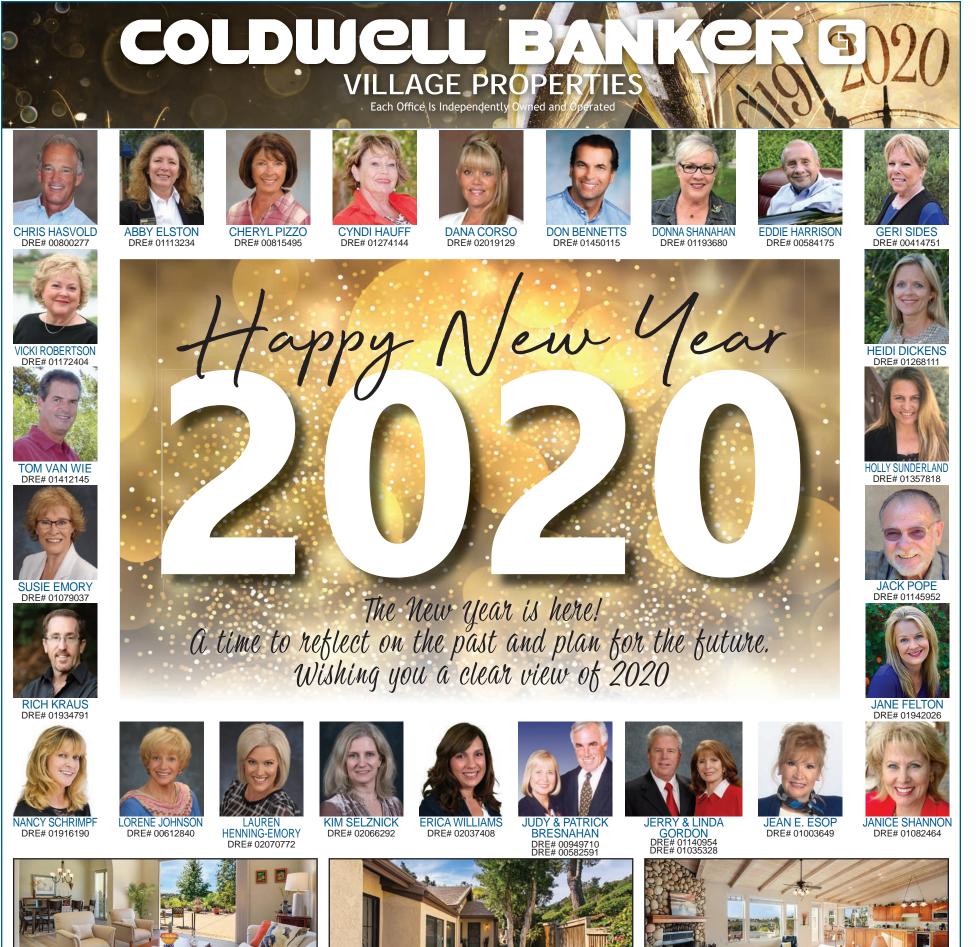
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