



HIDDEN MEADOWS NEWS

The Hometown Monthly Newspaper of Hidden Meadows and Rimrock, California



Susan Wolking (R) passes on role as Local Content Editor of the Hidden Meadows News on to successor, Patricia Fox (L).

News about the Hidden Meadows News

By SUSAN WOLKING / Local Content Editor

The Hidden Meadows News (HMN) is a community newspaper distributed monthly to the residents of Hidden Meadows and Rimrock. The primary goal for HMN is to provide information about local activities and topics of interest that is useful, engaging and conveys the sense of community spirit that makes Hidden Meadows such a special place to live.

The paper is a joint project of the Hidden Meadows Community Foundation and Roadrunner Publications, but owned and published by the Roadrunner, which also publishes the *Escondido Times-Advocate*, *Valley Roadrunner* and *Valley Center Magazine*. Advertising revenue makes it possible for the HMN to be published, printed and mailed to area residents free of charge.

The HMN has been doing so well that *Roadrunner*, the publisher, has

decided to increase the length of each issue to 16 pages. The majority of the articles will continue to be generated by our local writers. This local content will be supplemented with articles about activities and news from the nearby areas of Escondido and Valley Center. We believe residents in Hidden Meadows will find the extra content to be both relevant and entertaining.

For the last year and a half, I have had the pleasure of serving as the “Local Content Editor” for the HMN. My role in this volunteer position has been to solicit and edit articles from area residents and to work with the staff at Roadrunner to ensure a quality product for our readers. I’ve met dozens of wonderful people through this work and have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know more about the community. After this May issue,

however, I will be stepping down from the editing role in order to spend more time traveling with my husband and volunteering in our church. I still plan to write articles on occasion, but it’s time for me to pass the baton on to someone else.

The President of the Community Foundation, Wendy Smith-Rogers, and I are pleased to announce that we have already found a fantastic replacement. Patricia Fox is a retired VA psychologist with significant writing experience.

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Deyana, Branko, and Mira Radjenovic on the site of the new Meadows Market Deli

Meadows Deli Market is moving...but just next door

By BRANKO RADJENOVIC / Meadows Deli Market

You may have already noticed the work being done on the lot next door to the Meadows Deli Market on Meadow Glen Way East. The Radjenovic family purchased the land a few years ago and we are now ready to begin construction of a new building to house our business. When completed, the Meadows Market Deli will be bigger and even better, offering new products and menu items that we’re sure you will love.

We will be officially leaving our current location on May 31st. If all goes well, we will be reopening in the new location in September 2018. We wanted to thank our wonderful customers for their support, loyalty, and kindness throughout the 12 years we have been here in Hidden Meadows. We can’t wait to come back and serve you at our new market!



Earth movers begin demolishing the Escondido Country Club.

NUWI begins demolition of old Escondido Country Club

Thursday with permission from the property owner New Urban West Inc. (NUWI) began the demolition of what remained of the Escondido Country Club which had been razed by a fire in November near Thanksgiving.

The clubhouse – along with the adjoining golf course – was closed in 2013 due to poor financial performance. More recently, a fire gutted the structure.

Last fall a few weeks before the fire, the Escondido City Council approved New Urban West’s plan to build three new residential villages, a \$10 million clubhouse with restaurant, bar, pool and banquet facilities, and a 29-mile

greenbelt. In all, 44% of the property will be preserved as open space.

The “Villages” is a 380-unit project on property owned by Michael Schlesinger—who has an agreement with NUWI to develop the property.

“While we have yet to take ownership of the property, we want to help the community move beyond what has been a very unfortunate chapter,” said New Urban West Project Manager Jonathan Frankel. “Getting rid of this eyesore will help do just that.”

New Urban West will purchase the property and begin construction of the

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Front row: Shirley Cail, Idalia Rewar, and Evie Takajo. Back row: Jeff Bunting, Laura Pasternack, Ursula Schroter, Chalon Campbell, Wendy Smith-Rogers, Kathy Oxford, Jonna Faulkner, Lynn Clark, and Dawn Takajo. Not pictured are Lisa Lonsdale and Lee Bepko.

13 artists share their skills at 3rd annual show

By IDALIA REWAR / Resident

Sharing one’s art with an appreciative audience can be incredibly inspiring to an artist. That certainly was the experience for the members of the Hidden Meadows Art Guild who showed their work at the 3rd Annual Hidden Meadows Art Show on April 21 and 22. A total of 13 artists participated, and their work reflected a wide variety of art styles including paintings, drawings, pottery, painted china, jewelry, glasswork, alcohol ink works, cards and hand-painted silk attire.

Putting together an art show is no easy feat. Our little group had many planning meetings to figure out the de-

tails of “when, where, how and who” for both the show and the wine and appetizer reception. A flyer had to be designed and distributed, announcements posted in the paper and on Nextdoor, and signs made and placed around the community. The day before the show, the artists went to the venue, erected panels to hang some of the work, and set out their pieces.

The first day of the show, we arrived early to set out the food, make adjustments to our displays, and then finally were able to sit back to relax. With fingers crossed, we hoped for a beautiful day, a good turnout and some sales.

It was quiet for the first few hours, which gave us time to chat, view each other’s work, and enjoy the camaraderie. As usually happens, there were surges of activity throughout the day, especially at the reception. A crowd of people showed up all at once, and there was a huge buzz of conversations and laughter. A sip of wine does the trick! Even a cute puppy showed up to view the art. He was not in the mood to buy anything, however, as no one was selling doggie treats. On Sunday, things got off to a slow start again, but the activity picked up over the day. Overall, the turnout for this year’s show

was fantastic.

What I enjoyed most about the experience was the supportive friendships among our group, the compliments we all received from attendees, and having people ask us how we learned to create our work. That, I think, is such a compliment for an artist.

So we did it again — a successful event held in our beautiful community, filled with love, sunshine and warmth. Many thanks to the participating artists, and to the attendees and community for supporting the Hidden Meadows Artisan Guild Art Show.

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DATE: FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2018

TIME: 7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.)

WHERE: Valley Center Middle School

28102 N Lake Wohlford Rd, VC 92082

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OPINION

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Board of Supervisors District 5 Valley Center Forum, May 4

By WILLIAM DEL PILAR

The North County Rumble - the board of supervisors District 5 Valley Center forum is upon us. We are a handful of Valleyites putting this together, with the help of our sponsor, the *Valley Roadrunner* (sister newspaper of *Hidden Meadows News*). If you care about your community and your own lives on a day-to-day basis, then we need you to come out. If we can secure a solid turnout, this opens the door to other candidate forums in contested contests. That benefits the community by allowing us to speak directly to those who would represent us and create the decisions that affect us.

Let's reintroduce the candidates:

•Jerry Kern, Oceanside City Councilman: www.kernforsupervisor.com/

•Jim Desmond, Mayor of San Marcos: www.desmondforsupervisor.com/

•Michelle Gomez, Commissioner/Legislative Analyst: www.michelleforsupervisor.com

•Jacqueline Arsivaud, Chair, Elfin Forest Harmony Grove Town Council: www.jacquelinefor2018.com/

I would urge every resident of Hidden Meadows and those in District 5 to go to each candidate's website. Learn where they stand on the issues. We will have prepared questions but want yours as well.

After listening to the insane finan-

cial and VIP demands of Carl DeMaio, we have made the decision to let him go... I'm kidding people! Carl originally was going to moderate the debate, but recently announced his endorsement of Mayor Desmond and in the interest of fairness suggested we get an alternate moderator.

Credit to Carl for being honest, transparent and understanding and credit to the Desmond camp, who brought the DeMaio endorsement to our attention. I appreciate individuals who are upfront versus letting us figure it out through the grapevine or making an easy issue difficult.

When I originally approached the candidates, my thoughts weren't on a moderator. I say that with no disrespect to moderators, but it's not rocket science, and I assumed I would do it. I've moderated panels before, and I've been to enough local political debates I've seen how it's done professionally and poorly.

That said, your new moderators will be David Ross, *Valley Roadrunner* editor and myself, William Del Pilar, event organizer. Ross was an easy choice as he's done this before - in fact, he was the moderator for the Valley Center Community Planning Group forum when I ran. We've enjoyed a solid relationship and developed a friendship since.

Signup and RSVP at Facebook but it's not mandatory but a headcount makes preparations easier:

•facebook.com/events/1626723360716820/
If you would like RSVP and/or submit

a question, go to:

•www.valleycenter.com/2018debate

On the evening of the event, we'll have index cards and pencils for you to write down your questions as well. From there, we'll combine similar questions to avoid repetitiveness. We are using this format to maximize the time allowed for candidates to answer questions.

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On another note, we have secured the services of The Rush Coffee (www.therushcoffee.net). They'll provide coffee and pastries for those needing their caffeine or sugar rush!

This is your time. If you care about your community - and with over 30 social groups focused on Valley Center, I would imagine you do. Then it's your civic responsibility, to come out and hear what the candidates have to say and ask them what you care about.

We're in a new era of partisan, racial and cultural divisiveness, so having access to the candidates is important in our attempt to bring us together as a community, a district and Americans. I expect to see many of you there.

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Five historic homes on Mother's Day tour

Five historic homes, each representing a different style and built between 1890 and 1928, will be open to the public on Sunday, May 13, during the 21st annual Old Escondido Historic District Mother's Day Home Tour. The homes will be open to tour from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The oldest home, a two-story Queen Anne farmhouse was built by Luther Culp, an early Escondido Marshal. On the other end of the spectrum, in more ways than one, is the newest house, the scene of a murder in 1950: Dr. Black, a prominent Escondido dentist, was making a sandwich in the kitchen when his wife stabbed him. The three

other homes have unique histories, as well, and all but one of the houses have never been open for a Mother's Day tour before.

This year, home-baked cookies and other bakery items will be offered along with a choice of refreshing beverages in a lovely hacienda-style patio, featuring linens and floral arrangements to make the day especially memorable.

A full-color keepsake program with photographs and descriptions of the homes is also included.

Tickets for the Home Tour can be purchased in advance for only \$25 each online at www.eldescondido.org

or at Rosemary-Duff Florist, 101 W. 2nd (at Broadway); Major Market, 1855 S. Centre City Parkway; or the Escondido History Center on the north side of Grape Day Park. Any child under the age of 12 can attend at no charge with a paying adult. On the day of the tour only, tickets will be available for \$30 each at 537 S. Juniper St.

Proceeds from the annual Historic Home Tour help to further the mission of the Old Escondido Historic District; to preserve, protect, and promote Escondido's oldest neighborhood. For more information, call 760-291-7206.

Escondido's unemployment rate below county average

Escondido's unemployment rate has dropped below the county average to 3.1% this month. This and other regional economic indicators are included in the San Diego Regional EDC's "Economic Pulse" for April.

Every jurisdiction saw a decrease in the unemployment rate from the month prior. San Diego's unemployment rate remains well below California's rate, which was 4.2% and the U.S. rate of 4.1%

Michelle Geller, the city's economic development manager, told *The Times-Advocate*: "Escondido is keeping in line with the rest of San Diego County, which overall is showing some really good numbers. Our partnership with the other four cities along the 78 Corridor (Innovate 78)

has been focusing more on workforce development to ensure our businesses have a good pool of talented people living nearby. I'd like to think that regional, collaborative approach is having a positive effect on unemployment."

Although Escondido's unemployment rate was lower than the county average, it was not lower than all of the cities included in the survey. Carlsbad was 3.0%, Del Mar was 2.2%, Encinitas, 2.7%, San Marcos, 3% and Vista 3.4%. Oceanside was 3.3% and Poway 2.7%. The unincorporated areas of the county were 3.4%.

According to the report: "March data show a stable San Diego labor market. The unemployment rate de-

creased slightly from February and still remains near record lows.

Total nonfarm employment increased by 3,300, or 0.2%, in March - a slight increase as the region continued to add jobs post-holiday season.

The largest job increases in March came from education and health services, up 1,200 jobs. Retail saw the largest increase.

According to the report, "Most major sectors experienced year-over-year job growth in March. Construction saw the biggest percentage increase (4.5%) while professional, scientific, and technical services added the most jobs (5,500). Leisure and hospitality and retail - the only sectors to experience a decline - contracted by 0.7% and 0.1%, respectively."

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We are so close!

By **WENDY SMITH-ROGERS** / *HM Community Foundation*

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you to everyone who has made a donation to the Hidden Meadows Community Foundation so far. You have collectively donated 95 % of the funds to complete the median beautification project.

Assuming we surpass our target, the additional donations will be used for the following:

- Maintenance of the median (weed abatement, tree trimming)
- Beautification of the northeast corner of Mountain Meadow Road and Meadow Glen Way East, as well as the trimming of the pine trees between the condos and the golf course along Mountain Meadow Road
- Community activities such as the Fourth of July Parade and BBQ, Summer Movie Nights, Trunk or Treat, Toys for Tots, etc.
- Student scholarships-wouldn't it be great to offer more than \$1000 to each recipient?
- Neighbors Helping Neighbors- supporting each other in the event of a crisis

For those who have yet to make a donation, the donation envelope is enclosed in this edition of the newspaper. This is the last month of the fundraising drive for 2018. Together we can make our beloved community second to none.



Firemen Mike Hanneberry and Terry Heidmann showing Emily Dunn how to hold the hose, while brother Grayson and sister Audrey wait their turn; Grandma Cheryl Dunn (in white) and Mom Amiee Dunn (in grey) observing.

Raffle prize gives Dunn family chance to dine with firemen

By **WENDY SMITH-ROGERS**

“Spaghetti and meatballs, salad and garlic bread. Root beer floats for dessert! Everything was absolutely delicious!” said Roger Dunn, who won the raffle for a “Dinner with the Firemen” at last November’s Golf Tournament. He and his family (Mom Aimee, children Audrey, Emily and Grayson, and Grandma Cheryl Dunn) claimed their prize this month.

Fire Station 13 hosts were Mike Hanneberry, Terry Heidmann and Joe Burcham, the chef for the evening. The fire fighters also treated the family to some fire station experiences: touring the fire station, sitting high up behind the wheel of a fire engine, feeling the water pressure a fire hose generates. The entire family pronounced it a “great day!”

Many thanks to their gracious hosts at Station 13, who are such an important part of our community. Beyond fire protection, they also give generously of their time, bringing fire engines to community events and donating time and effort for prizes such as this.

Safeguard Our San Diego Countryside Initiative

By **MERRIE BESSELL** / *Resident*

In 2007, after much planning and negotiation, the County of San Diego approved a General Plan that was designed to manage growth throughout the region. The plan sought to minimize suburban sprawl by limiting development in rural and semi-rural areas through tight zoning requirements.

Since then, the County has received several proposals for large housing developments that would significantly exceed approved density levels. As an example, the Newland Sierra project (which is proposed to be built directly west of Hidden Meadows) would include 2,134 housing units on land zoned for 100 homes. The developers have

sought to bypass the zoning restrictions by requesting County Supervisors approve an “amendment” to the General Plan.

A citizens group called San Diegans for Managed Growth, Inc. has recently put for a petition called “Safeguard Our San Diego Countryside Initiative,” designed to counter this strategy by developers. The petition states: “Developers have recently proposed amendments to the General Plan to significantly increase the density of development outside of existing towns and villages. These proposed projects would alter the character of the County’s semi-rural and rural communities and result in loss of agricultural lands, increased traffic, heightened fire hazards, and environmental degradation, including impacts to wildlife corridors, scenic vistas, water resources, and air quality.”

The petition argues that voter approval should be required for projects that involve significant increases in residential density above the levels already approved in the 2007 General Plan. The petition asks the Board of Supervisors of San Diego County to add the voter approval requirement to the General Plan or to submit this as a proposition to the voters at the earliest election possible.

A copy of the petition can be found here: <https://saveourscountryside.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/SDMG-Initiative-FINAL-Resubmittal-v.2.pdf>

The organizers plan to submit the petition to the County by mid-May. If Hidden Meadows residents are interested in signing the petition during the next two weeks, my husband and I will have a table set up on random days. Look for the banner at the west end of the 4 way stop at MGWE and Mountain Meadow Road. If you miss us, we can be reached at 858-945-3299 or merrie@thebessellgroup.com.



Find the Rose; win a prize!

We’ve hidden a rose (like the one here) somewhere in this issue of the paper. As soon as you find it, send an email to leetarudolph@gmail.com with subject line “Found the rose” and the page number where you found it. This month the 2nd person to find the rose will win.

Deadline to apply for HMCF Scholarships extended to May 31

By **SARAH SEALEY** / *HM Community Foundation*

The Hidden Meadows Community Foundation is pleased to announce that the deadline for applications for its 2018 Scholarship Program has been extended. The new deadline for all submissions is April 30, 2018. Scholarship awards will be announced in June.

The HMCF scholarships are intended as a one-time only award to assist students with education expenses associated with attending a 2- or 4-year college, or a trade school. To be considered, applicants must meet the following

requirements:

Resident of Hidden Meadows. Graduating from high school in 2018 or currently attending college/trade school Cumulative high school GPA of 3.5

The scholarships are funded through community contributions to the Foundation.

To apply for one of these scholarships, please email Sarah Sealey at sarah@bretandsarah.com for the application and full requirements.



A few of the members of the Women’s Social Group enjoying a night of food, friendship and Trivia.

Wine, Burgers, Giggles and Trivia

By SANDY BROADLEY / Resident

The April gathering of the Women’s Social Group at the Boulder Oaks Golf Club was hosted and planned by Diane Beckel.

Diane started the evening with a wine bar where twenty one women gathered, talking about life, husbands, children, grandchildren, new businesses, vacations, hobbies, and the community. It was a casual, inclusive atmosphere and many giggles could be heard.

The Boulder Oaks Restaurant provided us with a ‘build your own burger’ menu in the upper restaurant dining room. Everyone was delighted to choose their own toppings: Swiss cheese, blue cheese, cheddar cheese, bacon, avocado, onion rings, fries, lettuce, and tomatoes. Way too many choices, but fun! The burgers came out and the room quieted for a few minutes while everyone enjoyed their burgers.

To add some fun to the gathering we all played Trivia. David Turner,

Boulder Oaks’ Trivia Night Host, provided 40 trivia questions. The group went from quiet to explosive. The question categories were the Moon, European History, Academy Awards, Metals, Eagles, Beatles, Capitals and Sports. The questions were difficult but elicited a warm group response. One could hear: “Hooray, I didn’t know that, Got it, Crumb!” Everyone was humbled by their lack of knowledge, but laughing because we were having fun. At the end of the evening we had all bonded and had a really good time. Thank you Diane, David, and the Boulder Oaks Staff for another successful Hidden Meadows Women’s Social Group evening.

The Women’s Social Group meets monthly and everyone is welcome. It is a wonderful place to meet your neighbors. If you would like to be put on the invitation list, please send your full name, email address, and telephone number to hmwsg92026@gmail.com.

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Regular Meetings/Activities

Every Week

TTh	Yoga, 8 am 297-1207*
MWF	Fitness Workout, 9 am 749-6523*
W	Bridge Group, 10 am 751-0261*

May 2018

1	Bookmobile, MLGC Pkg. Lot, 1:00-2:00 pm 643-5125
1	MHA Architectural Rev Com Mtg, 6:30 pm 749-7278*
7	VCMWD Board Mtg., District Office, 2 pm 749-1600
9	Deer Springs FPD. Bd. Mtg. 2:00 pm 749-8001
9	HM Condos, HOA Meeting, 4:00 pm 407-7575*
10	MHA Board Mtg, 6 pm 749-7278*
15	Bookmobile, MLGC Pkg. Lot, 1:00-2:00 pm 643-5125
13	Garden Club Meeting, 10:00 am 749-8723
21	HM Community Foundation, 7 pm 749-5652
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15	CERT Monthly Mtg., 6:30 pm 525-5170*
24	Ranch HOA Mtg, 4-6 pm 407-7575*
24	HM Sponsor Group Mtg., 7:00 pm 809-6898*

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Major Community Events in 2018

Hidden Meadows Orientation	Sat., January 27	Golf Course Club House
Annual Fundraising Campaign	March-May	
Sellers’ Faire, 2nd Saturdays	March-Nov	Club house parking lot
Easter Egg Hunt	Sat., March 31	Pavilion
Artisan Guild Arts and Crafts Show and Sale	S/S, April 21/22	Pavilion
Community Garage Sale	Sat., May 12	Throughout HM
Scholarship Reception	TBA	Pavilion
Hidden Meadows Orientation	Sat., June 30	Pavilion
Fourth of July Parade/Picnic	Tues., July 4	Club house parking lot
Summer Family Movie Nights	July, August	Boulder Oaks Patio
Bunco 4 Boobs	Fri., October 19	Williams Barn, San Marcos
Trunk or Treat	Sat., October 27	Pavilion parking lot
Golf Tournament	Fri., November 9	Boulder Oaks Golf Club
Turkey Trot	Thurs., November 22	Club house parking lot
Toys for Tots	Sat., December 1	Pavilion
Progressive Dinner	Sun., December 9	Throughout HM
Christmas Caroling	Sun., December 16	Fire Station

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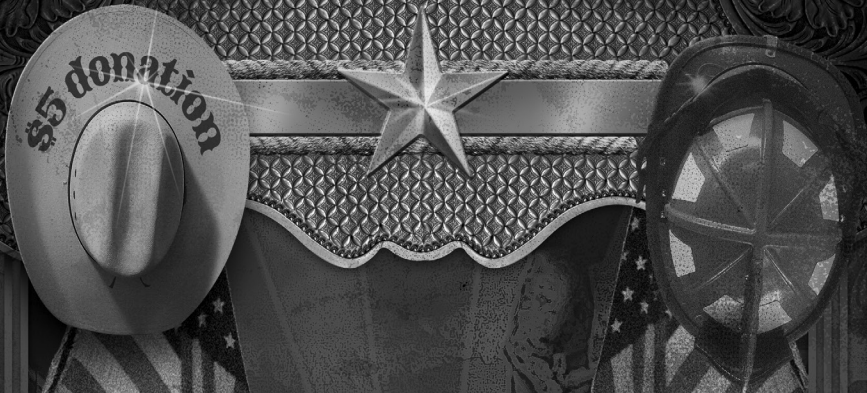
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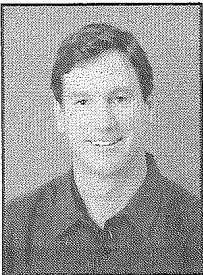
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MY GREEN THUMB

Help prevent another quarantine in the Meadows!

By KEN KRIEGER / Resident

Will you do your part? Are you aware that parts of San Diego County are in a quarantine placed on citrus fruit caused by fruit flies? Hidden Meadows is not part of the quarantine, yet! You might ask what you can do about this? Glad you asked. There are two very simple things you can do to prevent our area from being under a quarantine.

First, pick all your citrus now when it is at its ripest and sweetest. It is important to get all the fruit off the tree. Your goal is to get all the oranges, tangerines, grapefruit, kumquats, lemons, limes, etc. off the tree before it is in full bloom. Depending where you live in Hidden Meadows, there is a time window from about mid-March thru May; weather has a lot to say about this and the current heat is speeding up that timeline.

Second, pick up all the fruit that falls to the ground. Use it, give it away or put it in the green recycling bin, but pick it up! This should be done at least once a week. There will be a lot more fruit laying on the ground at this time of year than in the summer, but pick the fallen fruit up then, too. Why? Fruit flies love spoiled/spoiling fruit and reproduce very quickly, so generations of fruit flies can be present within one week. It is better than having overripe fruit rolling down the street, so it can rot near someone else's trees.

There are many people in our County that do not have access to fresh fruit and vegetables and would be very happy to receive a fresh lemon or orange. I

picked many bags of oranges recently with a friend/fellow Meadowite and tried to take it to the food bank in San Marcos. They could not take the fruit due to a quarantine in the city of Encinitas, which according to the map (link below) causes food banks to decline fruit from anywhere in the County. I ended up taking the fruit to the Interfaith Community Services site in Escondido where they were more than happy to accept the fruit.

There is a link below to connect you to the Senior Gleaners web site and to other gleaning organizations in the County that will pick and/or transport your harvest to those who can distribute it to the people who need it. Generally, these groups pick and take fruit in specific areas only once a week, so you need to schedule ahead of time. Please, pass this information around to your family, friends, and neighbors so this food is not wasted and people in need can enjoy fresh fruit. It has been surmised that there is not a world food shortage, but rather a distribution problem. Let's do something about that in our corner of the world. It will also help prevent another quarantine in our neighborhood!

Information about Gleaners in SD County can be found at: www.sdfsa.org/gleaning/ or www.seniorgleaners-sdc.org.

Quarantine information can be found at: www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/awm/.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

By **LISA LONSDALE** / Resident

Thirty-one members gathered on Friday, April 13th, but no bad luck joined the smiling, enthusiastic group. The day's 78-degree temperature was perfect for the purpose of our gathering; a tour of three local gardens. The group arrived at the home of our current president, Frances Munk, who lives in the High Mountain area of the Meadows on a one-acre lot. She started our tour in a fenced area full of low-water plants, ros-

Time pushed us onward to our final destination: the home of Karen Sherman, owner of Coyote Oaks Vineyard, located on Oak Ridge Road. Her 2.5-acre property holds several varieties of grapes, vines bursting with fresh, shiny leaves, glowing in the sunshine. She ferments and bottles many types of wine onsite, has a local tasting room and sells to a couple of Escondido retailers. Around her house, the areas are awash with hundreds of succulents, in colorful pots as



Members of the Garden Club touring local garden highlights: Towering saguaro cactus

es and geraniums, surrounding a white gazebo. We moved past a large boulder with a waterfall, amid a variety of potted plants and succulents. Passing a shaded barbecue area surrounded by flowering shrubs and many potted plants, we arrived at the family's chicken coop where 3 plump hens clucked a welcoming chorus. Next, we entered an extensive vegetable garden full of different greens, tomato plants and herbs. We finished in a large area full of fig trees, stone fruit, citrus and succulents, intersected by a meandering streambed.

Our scheduled time grew short, so we moved on to our second stop of

well as in the ground. The tour continued with the enjoyment of these wonderful spaces. Afterward, the group settled down on her large, umbrella-covered patios to enjoy bag lunches and sample four of her delicious wines. Special thanks to our three hosts, for allowing us to share their beautiful gardens.

Next month, the group will be traveling to Ramona, to visit an Olive Farm and Vineyard. If you are interested in joining our club, contact Lisa at ldlonsdale4@gmail.com. Yearly dues are only \$10 per household, and support event supplies, refreshments and more.



Roses and geraniums

the morning: the home of new member, Steve Robertson. His 2.5-acre property sits near the end of Rocky Ridge Road, the western extension of Vista Montanoso. Steve has lived on the property 30 years and during that time has collected a large variety of cacti and palm trees. His collection of saguaro cactus is jaw-dropping, with some reaching more than 30 feet high and displaying white flowers at this time of year. The large number of mature palms provide lots of shade making the outdoor space an inviting paradise. The large, frond-covered palapa suggests the enjoyment of a margarita or two on a warm afternoon. Steve finished our tour with a visit to his large vegetable garden featuring long rows of tomatoes, peppers and onions and more, with an ape-faced scarecrow standing guard. It looks like Steve might have enough veggies to share at the Seller's Faire or local farmer's markets.



Bag lunches and wine, from grapes grown at Coyote Oaks Vineyard



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Mountain Meadow Equine Rehab and Rescue

By **ASHLEY SCOTT** / *Mountain Meadow Equine Rehab and Rescue*

I would like to shine a light on a small local equine rescue that is in need of the community’s help. Mountain Meadow Equine Rehab and Rescue is a non-profit 501c3 rescue dedicated to horses that have been abandoned by their families due to medical complications. It is our mission to treat these animals and give them a second chance at a forever loving home.

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We are currently expanding our facility so we can ensure more abandoned and neglected horses have a second chance at a forever loving home.

To inquire about Mountain Meadow Equine Rehab and Rescue, volunteer or donate to our cause, please visit: www.mountainmeadowequine.org



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Soprano Priti Gandhi, who has been called a “sparkling soprano.”

Soprano sensation Priti Gandhi returns for special Mother’s Day concert at Center

Soprano Priti Gandhi will be performing alongside pianist and friend Ines Irawati to play classical selections as part of the Intimate Classics series at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido on Sunday, May 13, at 4 p.m.

A native of Mumbai, India, Priti Gandhi has been praised by the *New York Times* for her “creamy sound and agile coloratura” while *Opera Pulse* recently described her voice as a “sparkling soprano.” Mexico City’s *Revista Pro Opera* hailed her as “an ascending presence in American theatres,” while the *American Record Guide* calls her “excellent.”

Gandhi’s career includes performances with the Théâtre du Châtelet in Paris, New York City Opera, San Francisco Opera, Los Angeles Opera, San Diego Opera, and the Estates Theatre in Prague.

The Center is offering a Mother’s Day experience, called Pastries with Priti. For \$30, you can have pastries and other hors d’oeuvres, and meet with Priti Gandhi before the show. Your \$30 ticket includes the special event and a ticket to the show.

To purchase tickets or for more information about the event, please visit <http://artcenter.org/event/pritti-gandhi/>

The Center is located at 340 N. Escondido Blvd. in Escondido. The Ticket Office can be reached at 800-988-4253. Tickets can also be purchased online. To learn more, including performance dates, times, and ticket information, visit art-center.org.



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Please RSVP to 760.747.1940 today!



Another great Annual Hidden Meadows Easter Egg Hunt

By **LINDA SHREVE** / *HM Community Foundation*

Mix one Easter Bunny, 2000 hidden Easter eggs and 110 children plus crafts, games and cupcakes, and you have another great Hidden Meadows Easter Egg Hunt! On March 31st, Hidden Meadows was again blessed by a visit from the Easter Bunny. He was warmly welcomed by a gathering of over 300 adults and children eager for a fun filled morning of hunting eggs, playing games, doing crafts, and visiting with the Bunny and friends.

Preparations for his visit were extensive. A group of dedicated volunteers donated time, eggs, and cupcakes. They baked, filled eggs, hid eggs, arranged crafts, set up and coordinated all the activities, and after all was done, they cleaned up. Their efforts were rewarded by the smiles and laughter of children, the heartfelt gratitude expressed by parents, and the Easter Bunny's guarantee that he would return next year.

Thanks to the Bunny, the many dedicated volunteers, and the support from the Hidden Meadows Community Foundation, all of whom who made this year's Easter Egg Hunt so enjoyable. Mark your calendars for next year: the Bunny is hopping back.



The hunt is on



Amos Family decorating cookies



Hidden Meadows volunteers aid Easter Bunny in hiding eggs. Left to right: Steve Jurgensen, Curran Jurgensen, Eryn Hoefffliger, Kelsey Hoefffliger, Rebecca Hoefffliger, Rebecca Thompson, Annalisa Ly, Kaylyn Ly



One of the many families who met with the Easter Bunny (aka Jacque Joslyn): PJ DeRisi, Amanda DeWitt & Harlin

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Motion is Lotion

By **AMY VANLIEW** / Resident

“Motion is Lotion” is a direct quote from an orthopedic surgeon. It’s as simple as that, he said, movement will increase the lubricating fluid (synovial fluid) that transports nutrients to the joint cartilage which is essential to keep them healthy.

Ok, sounds simple so why don’t most of us do it? I’m a personal trainer, I know this stuff, but I’ve been working on a special project that keeps me glued, for way too long, in my computer chair. Over the last month I’ve noticed a groan when I stand and a crunch in my shoulders that wasn’t there before. Yesterday, I returned from a 4 day stay at Rancho La Puerto, Fitness Resort in Tecate, Mexico. Days were wonderful, filled with hiking, stretching, trying new exercise classes and while my muscles are still a bit sore from some new modalities, my knees and shoulder have never felt better.

Motion not only will help your joints feel better, it will improve or maintain joint range of motion, which is crucial as we age. If we lose range of motion, it becomes easier for us to lose balance and even fall because it’s more difficult to make the necessary quick adjustments needed to catch ourselves.

Ok, so you don’t have to spend time at a fitness resort (although I highly recommend it!) but you do need to GET MOVING and try to take your body through its full range of motion every day. Here are a few sensible and realistic ways to get out of that chair!

GET AN ACCOUNTABILITY BUDDY! Mine is my activity tracker and my doggies. My Fitbit Alta nudges me with an alert that tells me I need to get off my butt and move. Or maybe find a friend to walk with that isn’t so easy to ignore as a Fitbit alert. OR, why not schedule a walking call. Use your phone call time as an opportunity to get out and walk. For example, if you're planning to catch up with a friend or family member, just pop in your head phones and circle the block or even your yard as you talk. It's a super effortless way to get in more movement, and you'll usually be so distracted with the actual conversation that exercising won’t seem so boring.

USE TV AS YOUR MOTIVATION TO MOVE. What, this is my couch potato time! It doesn't have to be too crazy or complicated. Just march in place during the commercials, or why not trade the couch for an inflatable exercise ball. This will help strengthen your core while you sit. I’m going to use TV time to get on the floor with my dogs, Whiskey and Charlotte, and get some stretching in.

DON’T BE LAZY ON YOUR ERRANDS. Use the furthest parking space you can find while running errands or at work. Come on, it won’t save you that much time to park up close! And please, if you can, opt for the stairs whenever possible. This might seem super obvious and even inconvenient, but stairs are awesome for your leg and glute muscles, and also gets your heart really pumping. I don't know about you, but elevators can be crazy slow, so the stairs often end up saving me time.

Getting motion to your joints throughout the day doesn’t have to be crazy, you just need to MOVE! Try my sensible and realistic tips above or let me know how you get moving! You can reach me at amy@amyvanliew.com or check out my website at www.amyvanliew.com

Water Tax Proposal Remains Poor Policy

By **MARK MUIR** / Board Chairman, San Diego County Water Authority

Like a bad penny, a plan to tax water keeps turning up in Sacramento.

That’s right: under two proposals circulating in the Capitol, California would start taxing the most fundamental resource on the planet. Such taxes would needlessly drive up costs for families already struggling to make ends meet and undermine the very goals that proponents profess.

Senate Bill 623 by state Sen. William Monning (Carmel) and a budget trailer bill supported by Governor Brown would add a tax to local residential and business water bills in the name of providing safe, clean drinking water to disadvantaged communities, mostly in the Central Valley.

There’s no question that some Californians in low-income, rural areas don’t enjoy the same level of safe drinking water delivered by the San Diego County Water Authority and its 24 member agencies. That’s why the Water Authority and many other water agencies statewide have made it a priority to promote sensible funding strategies to address this important issue. We are committed to delivering safe and reliable water, and we wholeheartedly support the goal of ensuring the same for all Californians.

But taxing water isn’t the right approach. Among the many problems with this is strategy is that it sets a bad precedent. California currently does not tax water or essential food products. However, even before the first proposed water tax has been voted on, two additional water tax proposals have already emerged in Sacramento. Both of those taxes

would drive up water bills by as much as \$15 to \$20 each month.

The cost of living in California is already high, and taxing drinking water works against the very people that the funds are intended to help.

Of course, Californians overwhelmingly object to legislation that would create a new tax on drinking water, according to a recent poll of likely 2018 voters. In all, 73 percent said they opposed the Senate legislation. Over half said they “strongly opposed” the measure, while just 8 percent said they “strongly supported” it.

Thankfully, there are better alternatives. California appropriately uses its general fund to pay for other important programs and social issues identified as state priorities, including public health, education, housing and disability services. The public supports using the general fund to pay for programs that serve and protect residents and communities in need.

Dozens of local water agencies, chambers and other groups have joined together to advance more appropriate funding solutions – a package that includes federal safe drinking water funds, voter-approved general obligation bond dollars, cap-and-trade revenues, agricultural fees related to nitrate in drinking water, and general fund money. With this approach, we can address an important issue for our state without adding a tax on our most precious natural resource.

Escondido to Host ABC LEAD training

In partnership with the North Inland Community Prevention Program, the City of Escondido will be hosting an ABC LEAD training class on Thursday, May 17th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The class will be held at Escondido Police/Fire Headquarters located at 1163 N. Centre City Pkwy.

LEAD stands for Licensee Education on Alcohol and Drugs. The LEAD program provides the alcohol beverage licensee and licensee applicants with practical information on serving alcoholic beverages safely, responsibly, and legally, and preventing illicit drug activity at the licensed establishment.

The program is operated by the California Department of Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) and is a free, voluntary prevention and education program for retail alcohol beverage licensees, their employees and licensee applicants. Benefits of the training include; reduced risk of liability (including criminal, civil, and administrative), possible reduced insurance premiums, and provides ways to deal with difficult situations.

Advance registration is required. To register, go to the Alcohol Beverage Control’s website at <https://www.abc.ca.gov/>, click on “LEAD training” and follow the prompts. **Please print the materials required for the class from the website and bring them with you.**

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She moved to California six years ago to be near family and to escape the humidity, mosquitos and snow in Maryland where she had been living. She was attracted to Hidden Meadows by the feeling of being tucked away in a “hidden meadow” while still having easy access to the freeway and all of the attractions in San Diego. “The majestic live oaks sealed the deal,” she says, “and life now is just another day in paradise.” She volunteered for the Local Content Editor job to become more active in the community and take on a new challenge.

For those of you who have been writing — or are considering writing — for the HMN, please take note of two changes in the process for submitting articles: 1) articles must be submitted by the 17th in order to be included in the following month’s issue and 2) all articles and photos should be sent to LocalEditor@HiddenMeadows.news. When submitting photos, please send high resolution JPEG or PDF files. Include photo captions at the bottom of your article, identifying individuals by name where appropriate.

The Hidden Meadows Community Town Crier

By **JOE HEVESH** / HomeSmart Realty West

Hello friends and neighbors! We are pleased to announce a new community resource for you: Your local HomeSmart office has launched the new Hidden Meadows Town Crier Facebook page! As some of you may remember, the original Town Crier was created by Tom Frankl a number of years ago as an informational email blast for the residents of Hidden Meadows. Tom’s successor recently moved out of the area. So we thought, why not keep that tradition alive? We’ve done just that by utilizing facebook as the platform.

There is so much happening in this wonderful community of ours, it can be challenging to keep up and plan ahead. So the idea behind this new site is to provide you with an up-to-date source of information alongside the Hidden Meadows News monthly community paper. This way, you can visit anytime from your home computer or mobile phone to find and stay current with any and all community events. Although the page is still in development, it is already live. We welcome your ideas and suggestions regarding what you might like to see. The site is intended to be informational in nature. Therefore at this time we are monitoring all incoming messages, as this page is meant solely for positive sharing. For ongoing conversations, you still have Nextdoor which certainly has its place, and the intention here is not to replace or duplicate that site.

And please don’t forget to like the site! One of our goals is to make it easy to navigate so you can quickly find what you’re looking for. In order to achieve this level of customization, we need to add more tabs so that ultimately each group or entity can have its own tab, i.e. The Deli, Boulder Oaks Golf Course, The Foundation, play groups, etc. To earn this, we need to obtain 2,000 likes.

So take a peek! Simply go to your search bar on Facebook and type in Hidden Meadows Community Town Crier, and there you will find your new site. Remember, it is still being developed and we look forward to your contributions. If you would like to make any positive suggestions, or add your group to the site please email us at jennhill68@gmail.com, or call the HomeSmart Office at 760-297-1250. We sincerely hope that you will find great value in this new resource as we love our community and strive to make it better in any possible way!

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Final flu report: 341 Local Deaths, 20,747 Cases

By **JOSE A. ALVAREZ** / County of San Diego

With no new flu deaths being reported in the past week, the final Influenza Watch report for this season shows the number of fatalities remains at 341 and 20,747 flu cases have been reported, the County Health and Human Services Agency announced today.

Because the County monitors influenza year round, those totals could change from now through June 30 when the 2017-18 flu season officially ends.

The ages of San Diegans who died from influenza this season range from 1 to 101, and almost all had underlying medical conditions. Forty-four (13 percent) of the deaths were of people under 65 years old, which are the only cases public health agencies are required to report in California. The County informs the public about all flu deaths. The high number of deaths is the result of an unusually severe flu season, but also due to better reporting and tracking by the local medical community and the County.

Last week, 96 lab-confirmed flu cases were reported, a decrease from the 101 the previous week. Patients with flu-like symptoms accounted for 1 percent of emergency department visits. The number of cases and emergency department visits are at expected levels for this time of the year.

“While we’re glad to see cases declining, we know that they are reported year round,” said Wilma Wooten M.D., M.P.H., County public health officer. “It is important that people get a flu shot every year, as strains may change each year.”

For the week ending April 28, 2018, the County Health and Human Services Agency Influenza Watch report shows the following:

Emergency department visits for influenza-like illness: 1 percent of all visits (compared to 2 percent the previous week)

Lab-confirmed influenza cases for the week: 96 (compared to 101 the previous week)

Total influenza deaths to date: 341 (compared to 86 at this time last season)

Total lab-confirmed cases to date: 20,757 (compared to 5,484 last season)

Your Best Shot Against the Flu

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that everyone 6 months and older get vaccinated. The vaccine is safe and effective. It takes two weeks for immunity to develop.

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project once a legal challenge by EC-CHO (Escondido Country Club Home Owners) association is resolved. EC-CHO has challenged the city council’s action authorizing the development.

ECCHO filed its lawsuit against the city on December 15. The judge in the

case has scheduled a hearing for May the various motions, including the one by the city asking that the lawsuit be dismissed.

The residents of the Country Club area have been fighting for nearly five years to prevent the development from going through in its current form.

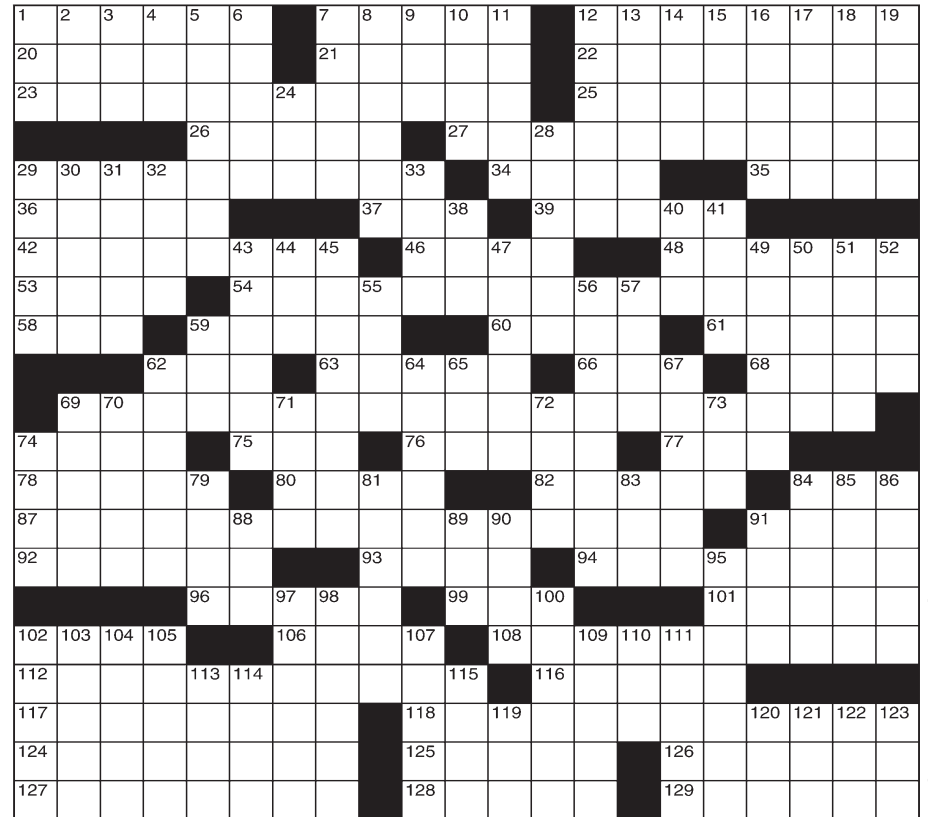
Super Crossword

**TAKEN AS
A HOLD**

- ACROSS**

1 "Honor Thy Father" author
7 Lesley of "60 Minutes"
12 Nasty online argument
20 Heist halters
21 "Well, golly!"
22 Black, chewy candy
23 Put something on one of the planets?
25 One present at an event
26 Deposit at a river's mouth
27 Graceland's city acquired by a buyer?
29 Typeface option that's carrot-colored and heavy?
34 Pulley part
35 Christmas poem starter
36 Flood barrier
37 Cariou of "Applause"
39 Rookies
42 Hears about
46 "Big —" (nickname of baseball's David Ortiz)
- 48 Rival of Sam's Club
53 In that case
54 Steroid user's physique?
58 Repair shop guess: Abbr.
59 Routine task
60 Has no entity
61 Provide with an ability
62 Oahu gift
63 Some South Africans
66 Animal home
68 Actress Charlotte and explorer John
69 Green gem's chief constituent?
74 Algerian port
75 Plastic film measure
76 "— vincit amor"
77 Actor Scheider
78 Lacking in resonance
80 High tennis hits
82 Swindle
84 "Undercover Boss" ainer
- 87 Comment to a baseballer from a fan who's studied his fly-catching technique?
91 Jai —
92 Spirited session?
93 "Ac-cent — ate the Positive" (1945 hit)
94 Bad way to finish a race
96 Major name in insurance
99 Not masc.
101 Haunting
102 Indy's 200
106 Six: Prefix
108 Ice cube?
112 Slightly feral?
116 Davis with a 1988 Oscar
117 Gratification
118 Precious metal one keeps for many years?
124 UPS cargo
125 Immature egg
126 See 121-Down
127 Most thin, as fabric
128 Affirmative responses
129 Eats into
- DOWN**

1 Price's place
2 Boxing great
3 Loo, for short
4 In advance of
5 Wee bit
6 Cosmetician
7 Took care of
8 Low tie score
9 Farmer's sci.
10 Ship steerer
11 Word before hosen
12 — Bird (notoriously hard game app)
13 More supply
14 Opera's start
15 Homer Simpson's favorite bar
16 Artist Max
17 Black — (spider type)
18 Fast Amtrak service
19 Bulrushes
24 Tirana's land: Abbr.
28 Themes
29 Comic Hardy, briefly
30 Shoals
31 "Stop, mate!"
32 Rex Stout's Wolfe
- 33 Pt. of DOJ
38 No, in Fife
40 Fall mo.
41 Drink with a lizard logo
43 Major rift
44 Hugs, in text
45 Skirt ruffle
47 Penitentiary
49 Solar beam
50 Like some waves
51 Hip, with "in"
52 Lighty tributes
55 Light in signs
56 Captivated
57 Newsy note
59 "Meh" grade
62 Beatle John
64 U.N. division
65 Sleep activity
67 Poet Pablo
69 Tot's vehicle
70 Barbera's partner
71 Crop holder
72 Poodle name
73 Diviner's aid
74 Sitcom sot
79 Female youth gp.
81 Popular way to get around New York City
83 Barley brew
84 Cigar variety
85 Pesto herb
86 Positioned
88 "Tee- —!"
- 89 Range of 300-3,000 MHz
90 Pit-stop stuff
91 Baldwin of "Lymelife"
95 One libeling
97 "— no way!"
98 Most fresh
100 Non-magical person, to Harry Potter
102 Reindeer herders of Scandinavia
103 Shia's deity
104 Pie slice, e.g.
105 Vampire killer
107 Solder, say
109 Dishes (out)
110 "Big Top — Wee"
111 Ham — (dell staple)
113 Despot of old
114 Sporting sled
115 Bird of peace
119 Mu followers
120 Shine, in ads
121 With 126-Across, Disney title dog of 1957
122 Spike of films
123 ENTs, e.g.



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STRAIGHT OFF THE TEE

Perfect practice makes perfect

By **STEVE ROGERS** / Resident

After reading Joey Latimer's article in last month's *Hidden Meadows News* on how important putting is to a good score in golf and his tips on how to improve your putting practice, I thought I'd share my own ideas on how to practice putting. Like Joey said in his article, improving our short game is about the only way those of us who are no longer hitting booming drives and crisp approach shots can continue to challenge par. We've all heard the phrase that "Practice makes perfect", but if you are practicing bad habits, you're not doing yourself any good. Instead the phrase should be, "Perfect practice makes perfect."

To achieve perfect practice, I believe you have to have a definite objective for every practice swing or putt you make so you can judge the results and make corrections. It's my observation that many people just hit balls as if they were building their muscles rather than analyzing every shot so they can build their minds. Rather than suggest how you should make changes to your putting stroke, I'll leave that to the numerous articles on the subject in golfing magazines every month. I will assume you already have a sound putting stroke, and focus on how you can make your practice sessions so realistic that you concentrate on every practice shot as if it counts as much as the shots that actually go on the scorecard.

First we need to agree that when it comes to putting, the most important six inches on the green is the space between your ears. If you can't develop a good attitude towards putting, you might as

well find another sport. As hard as it sounds, you need to accept the fact that it doesn't really matter whether the ball goes in or not, as long as you hit it well enough to give it a real chance to go in. If you get upset about the putt you just missed, you are very unlikely to do well on the next. Obviously we wish they would all go in, but because there are so many variables affecting the perfect speed and line between the ball and the hole, all you can do is get a feel for the speed of the green, make a decision about the size of the break, and strike the ball as cleanly as you can towards your chosen line to give it every chance to go in, and then just accept the results. Even the pros only make 31 percent of their putts between 10 and 15 feet, and just over half of their 8 foot putts. The key is they make 99% of their three foot putts, so even if their 25 footer doesn't drop, they will almost always leave themselves less than three feet for the second putt, which they make every time. So in addition to working on short putts, it's important to master the speed and distance on the longer putts so you leave yourself a legitimate sure putt if the ball doesn't drop.

The way I get a feel for the speed of the greens and adjust for the break is to take three balls to the practice green, make my best putt at the first practice hole and closely watch the speed and break as the ball tracks towards the hole. With the knowledge learned from this first putt, especially the way the ball breaks in the last foot around the hole, I expect that my second shot at the same hole will be even closer, maybe even go in if I give it a good stroke. Here's the

key to the three-ball practice technique: with the knowledge I've learned from the first two shots, there is no reason the third shot shouldn't go in. In fact if it doesn't go in, I'll do it again and again until it does.

We've all wished we could have a mulligan out on the course when a putt doesn't drop, because we are certain we could make it if we just had another chance. Well on the practice green you do get a second, third or fourth chance until you prove to yourself you can sink that putt. By carefully watching the speed and break of the previous shots, you've taken all of the guesswork out of the putt, so it's time to just give it a good ride to the bottom of the cup. When you can groove your shot at a known distance, speed and break, your confidence in your putting will go up and confidence is 90% of good putting. If I have time, I'll use my three ball technique on nine holes in a row and count all of my third shots as pars when they drop and bogies if they don't to see if I can play nine holes in even par. The more you can make every practice putt count, the better you will concentrate on the task at hand.

The way I calibrate the length of my back swing for longer putts out on the course is to pace off the distance for each putt and multiply the number of paces by three to get the distance in feet. This forces me to walk up to the flag and look back at the ball so I can read the break from both directions, paying particular attention to reading the break around the hole, which is where most of

the break happens as the ball starts to lose speed. As I walk back to the ball, I circle around on the downhill side of the putting line to confirm the break and prepare to make the putt. In my mind I review the distance, speed and break, such as "25 foot putt, uphill with 8 inches of break to the left." That gives me a definite plan in mind and a definite image as I take my backswing. After 50 years of playing golf, I've probably hit thousands of putts of every distance and break, so by reviewing the speed and distance in my mind, I'm trying to draw upon my database of previous back swings to tell myself how hard to hit the ball.

Another thing I do to develop putting confidence is recording the distances of all my putts on the scorecard so I can later review how many putts I made from which distances. The record of my first putt distances tells me how good my approach shots or green-side chipping was that day and also gives me the average distances from which I should practice on the putting green. The record of second putt distances tells me how good my lag putting was. If the first putt doesn't drop, my lag putt should be within one putt range for the second. For me, a satisfying round is no three putts and no double bogies and that all comes from improving your short game. Rather than dreading a putt you might miss, you'll look forward to that magical sound the ball makes as it drops into the cup.

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~MOVIE REVIEW~

By BOB GARVER
“Avengers: Infinity War”: overpopulated by heroes

As long as there have been The Avengers, there has been the threat of Thanos (Josh Brolin). The villain’s visage first appeared midway through the credits of the superteam’s first adventure back in 2012. Once 99% of the audience looked up who he was, they got excited to see him in an upcoming sequel. The most we’ve seen of him since then was in 2014’s “Guardians of the Galaxy,” which ironically was not an Avengers movie, though still an important part of the Marvel Cinematic Universe. We know that he’s after six Infinity Stones, which he can plug into his handy gauntlet to give him power over... the universe, basically. The six-year wait is finally over and Thanos is ready to make his move.

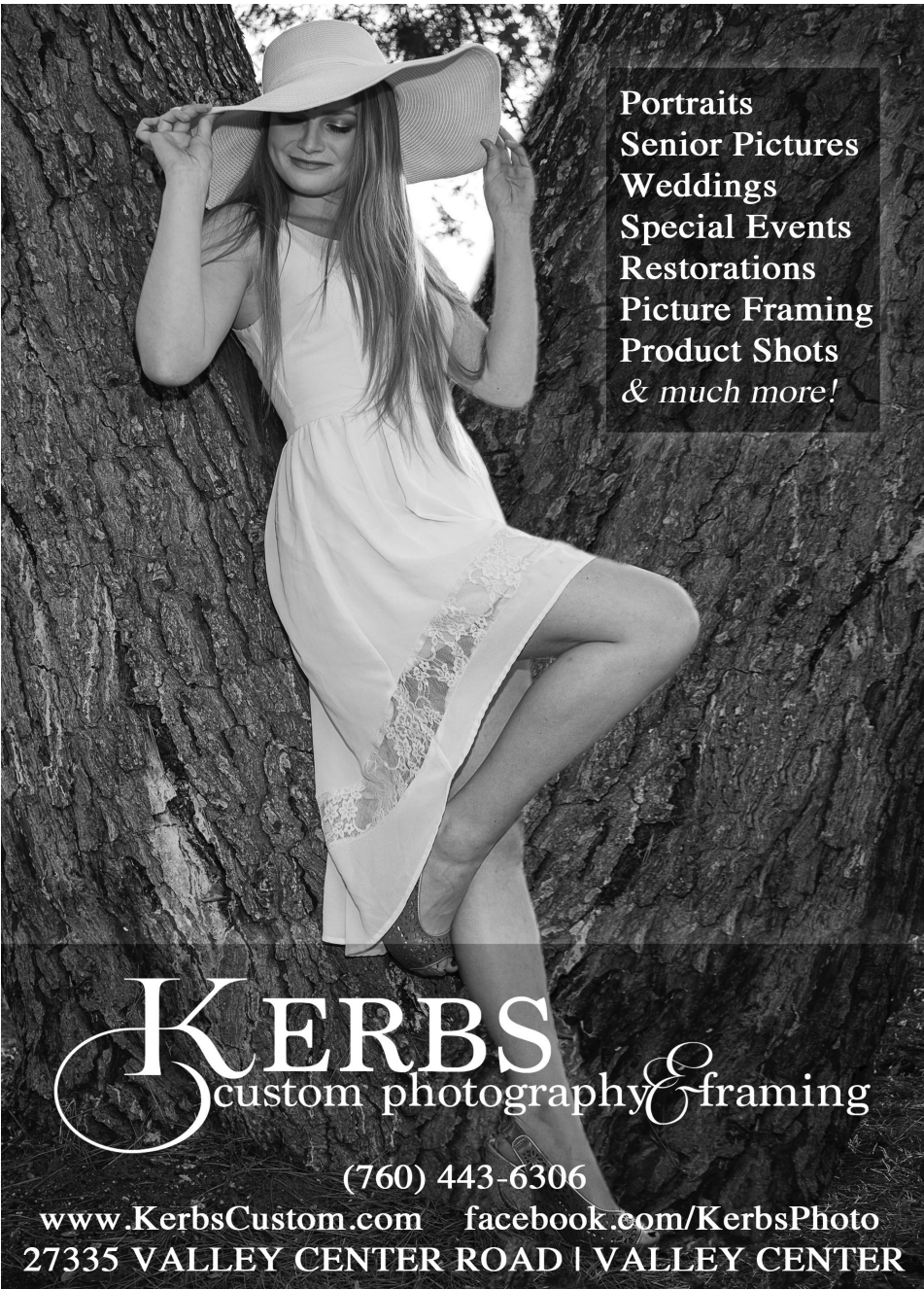
Standing in Thanos’s way is almost the entirety of the MCU. The roster includes, but is not limited to: Iron Man (Robert Downey Jr.), Captain America (Chris Evans), Thor (Chris Hemsworth), Hulk (Mark Ruffalo), Black Widow (Scarlett Johansson), Winter Soldier (Sebastian Stan), War Machine (Don Cheadle), Falcon (Anthony Mackie), Vision (Paul Bettany), Scarlet Witch (Elizabeth Olsen), Spider-Man (Tom Holland), Doctor Strange (Benedict Cumberbatch), Star-Lord (Chris Pratt), Gamora (Zoe Saldana), Drax (Dave Bautista), Mantis (Pom Klementieff), Rocket Raccoon (voice of Bradley Cooper), Groot (voice of Vin Diesel), and Black Panther (Chadwick Boseman) whose eponymous film is still in the top ten at the box office after beating out the 2012 “Avengers” to become the biggest superhero movie of all time. Some of these characters are allies, some are enemies, and some have never met, but they all recognize that they’ve never come up against a threat like Thanos.

The heroes splinter off to go on various missions. The Infinity Stones are widely spread out on multiple planets, and of course Thanos and his minions need to be dealt with. Thanos, for his part, wants the Infinity Stones so he can kill exactly half the universe, leaving the other half to live off its finite resources. He fancies himself a misunderstood savior who’s not as heartless as he seems. This “sensitivity” is on display in a scene where he must make a sacrifice to retrieve a stone. He does what everybody knows he’s going to do (and what people at my screening were yelling at him to hurry up and do to move the movie along), but he feels bad about it. Funny that he cares so much about population control in the most overcrowded superhero movie in history.

The humor and action are exactly on par with what you’d expect from one of these movies. Egos clash over whose powers and plans are superior to others, and there’s much teasing among the new teammates. As with most Marvel villains, Thanos has an army of indistinguishable creeps at his disposal so the heroes can take turns showing off their powers fighting them, though he himself can fight them all off rather easily. This movie really hopes you like the gag where a stooge is seconds away from a kill only to be suddenly stabbed from behind and then fall away to reveal an unlikely rescuer, because it’s done multiple times here.

“Avengers: Infinity War” moves along a predictable path until it gets to an ending I didn’t predict. I knew the franchise had been sauntering toward a showdown with Thanos, I just didn’t know how many movies that showdown would encompass. Turns out it’s more than one, which means the conclusion to this installment is unsatisfying. I don’t necessarily disapprove of the unsatisfying conclusion, not every superhero movie needs to end with things wrapped up in a neat little package with just a hint of an upcoming conflict. There’s another Avengers movie scheduled for 2019, so I’ll have to wait until then to see if the MCU is willing to let things be right in the world again.

Grade: B-
“Avengers: Infinity War” is rated PG-13 for intense sequences of sci-fi violence and action throughout, language and some crude references. Its running time is 149 minutes.
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ASTRONOMY CORNER

JUPITER

By **CHRIS HOLMES** / Resident

“I have discovered four new planets (moons) and observed their motion about another large star (Jupiter).”
Galileo Galilei

Look up any night for the next two months. If the Sun and Venus have set, and if you’ve picked a moonless night, the brightest object in the sky will be Jupiter. Called Jove by the Romans, it’s the 5th planet from the Sun and has been observed since the time of the Babylonians in 8th century B.C.

The long-held theory about how our planetary neighbors formed is that they arose from a disc of dusty debris, slowly, methodically coalescing into our solar system 4 billion years ago. But a new theory – called The Grand Tack – posits a more chaotic origin for Jupiter: once formed, it spiraled inward to a position not much farther from the sun than where the Earth is now. Then tidal forces caused it to tack outward to its current position, leaving a trail of detritus, out of which formed Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars.

Through a telescope, Jupiter reveals two broad surface bands encircling the planet (see Figure 1). On one of these bands is an oval smudge called the Giant Red Spot. These features are huge storms of ammonia and methane sweeping across the surface at 400 mph. The Red Spot has been observed for over 300 years, but lately has been diminishing in size.

Jupiter’s moons discovered by Galileo

Using the newly-invented “spy-

glass,” Galileo in 1609 identified 4 large moons circling the planet: Io, Europa, Ganymede and Callisto. Sixty-five additional moons have since been discovered.

Initially, Galileo thought these objects were fixed stars near Jupiter. But his continued observation revealed that they were not stars, but satellites in orbit around Jupiter, and that the whole Jovian system circled the Sun, thus confirming Copernicus’s Heliocentric theory – that the Sun, not the Earth, was the center of the known universe. Since this idea rejected Church dogma, that the Earth was the center of it all, Galileo was condemned to house arrest in 1633. He spent the last 8 years of his life in misery, finally surrendering to death at age 77. Three hundred-fifty years later, the Church, under Pope John Paul II, finally admitted its error and apologized for its treatment of the old man.

Galilean Moons helped guide ancient mariners

In addition to their role in the history of cosmology, these moons also served another useful function: as navigational aids for sailors. Both latitude and longitude are needed to know one’s location. Latitude is easy; it’s just the angle of the sun above the horizon, typically measured at noon. But before the modern gimbaled clock was invented in the 19th century, longitude was only a best guess estimate using the hourglass and sundial. Galileo’s moons changed this. Armed with a simple spyglass and tables showing when the 4 moons could be seen lined

up in a particular configuration (e.g., all lined up in a row on both sides of the planet, or bunched up on one side), the seamen could estimate noon much more precisely, and thus, their current longitude east or west of the Greenwich Prime Meridian. Figure 2 is an image of Jupiter that has been enlarged to tease out three of moons.

Method for photographing Jupiter

Observing Jupiter is easy; imaging it is very difficult. Like photographing a flashbulb, the central area of the pixel array is immediately saturated by the brightness; no surface detail comes through. If you dramatically stop the lens down, lower the ISO and reduce exposure time, all you get is a photo of a darker flashbulb – still no surface detail.

The trick is to take a movie of the planet, shooting at 30-60 fps for 10-20 seconds. Then, with 5-600 frames collected, these can be stacked in a program called Registax, and the resulting image processed further with other programs to enhance color, contrast, light and shadows and other features.

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FIG. 1
Jupiter reveals two broad surface bands encircling the planet (photo by author)

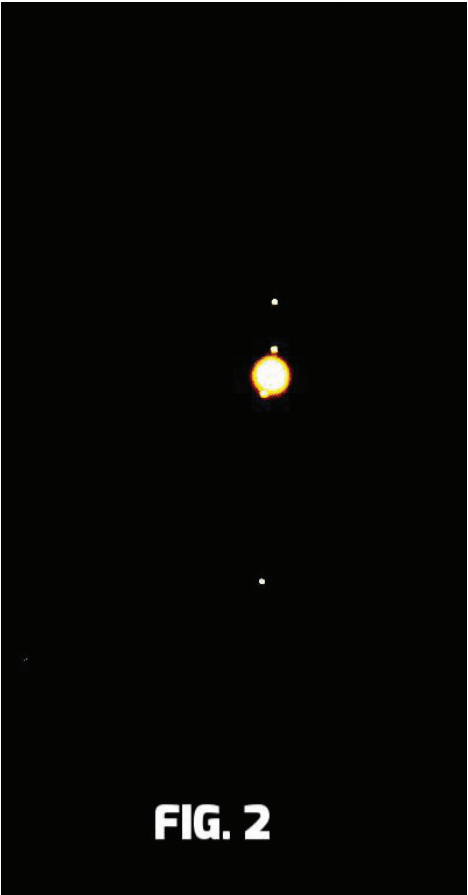


FIG. 2
Figure 1 enlarged to show 3 of Jupiter’s moons (photo by author)

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