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Opponents of Newland Sierra, Lilac Hills Ranch, ecstatic over court decision

By DAVID ROSS / Valley Roadrunner

A court decision that could alter the landscape for developers in San Diego County—by not allowing them to alter the landscape as much as they would like—has been released like a thunderclap, shattering County policy for approving residential developments.

It holds, among many other things, that the County’s director of planning services may not violate the General Plan and approve emission reduction plans at his whim.

Opponents of the Newland Sierra, Warner Ranch and Lilac Hills Ranch projects are encouraged by a court decision they hope could force the County to ramp back approvals of several large developments due to the inadequacy of its Climate Action Plan, which among several other things the court found inadequate, relies on developers—and the County—claiming they have reduced emissions of green house gases, “in exchange for the purchase of carbon offset credits applicable to another location in California, the United States, or the world” in the words of the judge.

On Wednesday, December 26 Superior Court Judge Timothy Taylor issued a final ruling on requests for an injunction in the case of *Sierra Club v. County of San Diego*, finding that the county’s Climate Action Plan (CAP) was invalid. Taylor ordered the County to stop using Mitigation Measure M-GHG-1, which requires General Plan Amendments to reduce emissions to achieve green house gas emission targets by either “no net increase” or “net zero.” It’s not the goals of M-GHG-1 the judge takes issue with, but the way it achieves them.

The Court held that the CAP failed to comply with the County’s prior commitments in its General Plan and achieve state goals for reducing green house gas emissions (“GHGs”) that allegedly cause climate change.

Taylor invalidated

the CAP because it relies in part on offsetting green house gas emissions from developments by relying on offset credits purchased outside the County and State of California.

The judge states: “The County’s General Plan in its 2011 format stated that the CAP should achieve GHG [Green House Gases] emissions from the ‘unincorporated County’ and from ‘County operations,’ and yet the 2018 CAP allows essentially unlimited increases in GHG within the County. In this respect, applicants proposing projects in the County can meet their GHG mitigation requirements by purchasing offsets from anywhere in the world, in the discretion of the Director of a County department.”

The judge ruled “The petitions are granted, and the County is ordered to set aside its February 14, 2018 approval of the 2018 CAP and the Supplemental EIR (SEIR) on which the 2018 CAP is based.”

The judge peppered his ruling with sarcastic comments about SD County’s ability to follow the law when it wants to, concluding that it didn’t want to in this instance. He writes, “The court knows full well that, when it decides to do so, the County knows how to prepare a lawful and valid EIR . . . In finding that the County did not do so when it approved the 2018 CAP, the court does not write on a clean slate. The County’s efforts to comply with the statewide GHG/global warming requirements summarized in part IIA of the Court of Appeal’s September 28, 2018 opinion in Consolidated Case Nos. D072406 and D072433 have given rise to several decisions by the court, and two by the Court of Appeal. Virtually every decision has found the County’s efforts wanting; this is particularly true in connection with the County’s penchant for proceeding in the absence of substantial evidence.”

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Santa with Hidden Meadows Station Firefighters

The Hidden Meadows Annual Toys for Tots Breakfast is officially at rest until 2019!

By Sarah Sealey / Resident

On the first Saturday of December, Santa arrived at 9am on his firetruck-sleigh, pulled by the dedicated firefighters of our Hidden Meadows fire station. Kids were able to tour the fire truck and ask questions before joining everyone inside for breakfast. The event runs just two hours, from 9am-11am and boy, do we pack a lot into those two hours!

In total, we had about 150 friends and neighbors over for breakfast (at the pavilion) and enjoyed all homemade breakfast breads, biscuits and gravy, sausage, a green chile, potato & egg casserole, apple french toast, bread pudding, freshly carved ham, scrambled eggs, pancakes and syrups, and cook-

ies. Yes, cookies for breakfast! My own grandmother would be proud, that was her favorite and she knew she could get away with it at Christmas! And if anyone left hungry, it's not because we didn't try!

We all listened to Christmas music, the kids had crafts to keep them occupied, and supervised, while the adults could visit and catch up. Kids, young and not-as-young-as-we-used-to-be, had pictures with Santa and gave him their Christmas Lists.

The wonderful folks from Toys for Tots came to pick up all the toys at the end. Debra, who has been with T4T

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Patsy Hartman and Andrea Fulenwider leading the group in song accompanied by Robin Rabens on the keyboard and Kloe Fulenwider on the ukulele.

Christmas Caroling

By Wendy Smith-Rogers / Resident

Did you hear the voices of angels on Sunday, December 16, around 7 PM? Well, many Hidden Meadows residents gathered at the local fire station to sing Christmas carols with the firefighters as well as enjoying hot chocolate, wassail, and a wide variety of baked treats brought by the carolers.

The festive singing was led by Pasty Hartman and Andrea Fulenwider with accompaniment by Robin Rabens on the keyboard and Kloe Fulenwider on the ukulele. Although no one needed mittens and a muffler, the chill in the evening air felt a little bit like a winter night in another part of the country. Some even imagined snow on the ground as participants sang “White Christmas!” Thanks to the firefighters at our own Station 3 for opening the garage for a night of fun.

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Presents collected for Toys for Tots

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for 48 years, I am told, knows to bring a big team with her to our event. The community and surrounding fire stations collected 8 large bins of toys!! There aren't enough exclamation points to demonstrate how incredibly wonderful, warm, and generous our entire community is. A very special thank you goes out to each of you who donated to help make a child's Christmas special.

This event, and others like it, are a true labor of love for many and couldn't happen without the planning, coordination, support, cooking, cleaning and much more, of a dedicated group

of volunteers. We had a few first time folks join us this year, and a few who just help keep the community running and having fun all year round. We couldn't have made such a special breakfast happen without each and every one of you! And Santa! And the Firefighters!

From the bottom of my heart, thank you to each of you who helped to make this possible.

If all this sounds like fun, but you missed it this year, put Saturday, December 7th on your calendars for 2019! Hope to see you there!



Santa with Toys for Tots Volunteers

FOUNDATION NEWS

By Wendy Smith-Rogers
President, Hidden Meadows Community Foundation

Along with the community events, scholarships and neighbors helping neighbors, the Hidden Meadows Community Foundation continues to seek ways to focus on beautification. The five untrimmed and unsightly pine trees between the condos and golf course on Mountain Meadow Road will be trimmed or removed at the beginning of the year. They are on county land, and the county vegetation staff will be removing the tree that is dying. Additionally, they will finally be removing the leaning branch of the pine tree that arches over Meadow Glen Way East near the four-way stop. The Foundation Board and several community members have been concerned about it for over a year.

At the Foundation Board meeting on Monday, January 21, we will be establishing goals for the year. If you have a suggestion, please contact me at wsmithrogers@gmail.com or 760-749-5652. Or, if you would prefer, please join us at the meeting. I can give you details of the board member's address where we will be meeting.



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With Regard to Greenhouse Gas Reduction” the judge provides a long list of the County’s efforts and observes: “Virtually every decision has found the County’s efforts wanting; this is particularly true in connection with the County’s penchant for proceeding in the absence of substantial evidence and without adequate analysis” and adds, “Although it does some things well, the 2018 SEIR fails as an informational document and as a document of public accountability in material ways, and the court finds the County has once again failed to proceed according to CEQA.” CEQA is the California Environmental Quality Act.

Continuing in his methodical take-down of the County’s logic: “The Court noted the County had failed to consider the use of the CAP and the Thresholds ‘as a plan-level program,’ . . . that the Sierra Club had proposed ‘feasible mitigation measures,’ that the County ‘rejected these mitigation measures without substantial evidence for doing so,’ and that the CAP did ‘not fulfill the County’s commitment under CEQA and Mitigation Measure CC-1.2, to provide detailed deadlines and enforceable measures to ensure GHG emissions will be reduced.’”

The judge added, “More recently, in Golden Door, the Court of Appeal affirmed this court and held the 2016 Guidance Document violated CEQA and that the threshold of significance was not supported by substantial evidence.”

In taking apart the County’s logic for allowing local emissions to be mitigated by reducing omissions in another locale, the judge noted that the County General Plan “incorporated a fundamental, mandatory and clear policy into both the 2011 and the 2018 iterations of the General Plan: that GHG emission reductions be local. In 2011, the County explicitly used the words ‘local GHG emissions.’” To be blunt, the County was violating its own General Plan.

The judge writes, “Thus, the County’s General Plan has consistently, for 7 years, stated that it required in-County GHG reductions. However, M-GHG-1, which is expressly incorporated into the 2018 CAP (see e.g., AR 1340:58761 that states the 2018 CAP expressly incorporates M-GHG-1) allows essentially unlimited increases in GHG within the County.”

Not only does the County violate the General Plan, says the judge, it allows Director of Planning Services Mark Wardlaw to violate it at his discretion: “all that is required is the ‘satisfaction’ of the Planning Director.” No standards or criteria are stated for achieving the ‘satisfaction.’”

The practical effect of this ruling could be that no large developments are approved in San Diego County that rely on cheap converted farmland for maximized profit, such as Lilac Hills Ranch or Newland Sierra. In other words, no developments not already called for in the General Plan that was approved in 2011. The result may be that developers will cease to view the General Plan as a mere impediment to largescale projects that can be overcome by greasing the regulatory and political skids with large donations—but instead, one with big, sharp teeth.

The Sierra Club and other environmental groups, include co-petitioners the Center for Biological Diversity, Cleveland National Forest Foundation,

Climate Action Campaign, Endangered Habitats League, Environmental Center of San Diego and Preserve Wild Santee, have suggested multi-story housing developments could be built in deserted shopping malls near places where people work.

Judge Taylor ordered the County “to set aside its February 14, 2018 approval of the CAP and the SEIR. A permanent injunction is also issued essentially in accordance with the preliminary injunction granted on September 14, 2018 (ROA 321). The injunction does not prohibit all development projects in the County, only those projects reliant on the use of the program set forth in M-GHG-1. While the injunction is in place, the County may consider any project that does not depend on the use of the M-GHG-1 program.”

This does not invalidate approval of Newland Sierra, Valiano, or Harmony Grove Village South, which relied on similar out-of-area offsets, but places them in jeopardy as Sierra Club, the Golden Door et al have launched a legal challenge on those grounds seeking to invalidate the Board of Supervisors’ General Plan Amendment approval for the projects.

On Friday this courtroom victory encouraged the Sierra Club and its allies to call on the County to comply with state law.

Sierra Club Attorney Josh Chatten-Brown, of the law firm Chatten-Brown and Carstens LLP, commented, “We are extremely grateful for the Court’s comprehensive and well-reasoned decision. Unfortunately, despite losing in Court at every step of the way since 2012, the County has failed to provide the people of San Diego the type of effective and enforceable climate action plan it committed to, and which is sorely needed. As shown in the most recent climate change report from the UN’s International Panel on Climate Change, local governments play a critical role in addressing climate change and our planet will be in dire straits if we don’t dramatically reduce greenhouse gases. Increases in violent storms, flooding, drought, wildfires and extreme temperatures will destabilize countries and threaten life as we know it. Evidence of the adverse health effects of extreme temperatures is just emerging.”

Chatten-Brown concluded: “We hope that the County will finally accept this responsibility and work with the Sierra Club and other stakeholders to promptly prepare a truly effective and enforceable climate action plan.”

Mark Jackson, a leader of the coalition opposing Lilac Hills Ranch, hailed the judge’s action: “This is really good news! The Court found that the County Climate Action Plan is invalid. The top level flaw is that increased greenhouse gases generated by sprawl developments with commuters driving cars can’t be offset by loosely regulated or unregulated offset credits purchased outside the County and State of California.”

George Courser, chairman of the Conservation Committee Sierra Club San Diego, commented, “Today, the people of San Diego County and the environment were the big winners in the Sierra Club’s successful lawsuit against the County of San Diego for its Climate Action Plan (‘CAP’).” He added, “This decision was the latest in a series of defeats by the County and victories for the Sierra Club in challenges to the County’s CAP. . .”

The Pala Band has vehemently opposed the Warner Ranch project proposed near Pala Casino. Robert Smith, chairman of the band, commented, “The Pala Band applauds the decision. It is important that the Court held the County accountable to sound policies that protect the community where a project impacts occur. Allowing leapfrog development under the premise that mitigation may occur in some distant area does not satisfy the intent of CEQA or the County’s obligation to its San Diego constituencies.”

Besides the above-mentioned criticisms, Taylor also ruled that the County violated CEQA by allowing out-of-County offsets without sufficient analysis. And that the County’s EIR was inadequate for several other reasons. Including failing to analyze how facilitating developments in rural lands far from transit and often in high fire hazard zones could impact achievement of SANDAG’s regional plans for so-called smart growth.

Judge Taylor ruling also stated, “the County failed to adequately respond to comments, thereby violating CEQA. Comments are an integral part of the EIR and should be relied upon by the decisionmakers.” He included this example: “Sempra commented that only 13% of CAP GHG reductions would come from a transportation sector that emits 45% of County GHGs and advocated decreasing VMT through the County’s comprehensive planning powers. AR 16:15041-42. The County’s ‘response’ was that it will explore increasing the use of electric vehicles, which was nonresponsive.”

The judge continues, “Response 9 admits that transportation sector reductions are proportionally low, but does not explain why transportation reductions were not included in the alternatives analysis. . . Master Responses 2 and 5 are likewise nonresponsive and rely on data that does not include VMT generated by GPAs under consideration and the ones that are likely to be submitted for County review. These are not adequate responses under CEQA.”

Newland Sierra contends the ruling does not apply to it. Rita Brandin, vice president, Newland Communities, commented, “Our greenhouse gas analysis and mitigation measures were established before the county’s CAP (Climate Action Plan) ever came out.” She added, “We don’t rely on or use the county’s climate action plan. We have our own mitigation, and see no impediment to moving forward with our project.”

We asked for a comment from Lilac Hills Ranch, but an automatic reply from Project Manager Jon Rilling indicated his offices are closed until January 2.

Acknowledging Newland Sierra’s position, Jackson commented, “But, the Project offers mitigation that is sooooo similar to the County’s CAP — buying offshore carbon offset credits for cheap.” He added, “Lilac Hills Ranch took a similar approach -- a ‘spin job’ to offer the essence of the County Climate Action Plan but call it something different to try and avoid getting stopped by a Court Order.”

Jackson concluded, “Boiling it down to what it means to Lilac Hills Ranch requires a legal interpretation of the ruling, a guess at how County elected officials and staff will implement the ruling, and a guess at whether or not and when the County or a coalition of Development in-

terests will appeal the Court’s decision.”

Jackson said his group will consult with attorneys in January on how this ruling could relate to Lilac Hills Ranch: “Boiling it down to what it means to Lilac Hills Ranch requires a legal interpretation of the ruling, a guess at how County elected officials and staff will implement the ruling, and a guess at whether or not and when the County or a coalition of Development interests will appeal the Court’s decision.”

He added, “Also in early January, we will contact the County staff and see how the County plans to deal with Lilac Hills Ranch.”

One local observer and activist in many such cases over the years, Patsy Fritz of Pauma Valley commented, “This means that the County cannot approve any GPA [General Plan Amendment] that relies on its defective Climate Action Plan (‘CAP’), which would have allowed developers to purchase offsite mitigation for greenhouse gas production - INTERNATIONAL offsite mitigation to ‘the satisfaction of the Department of Planning and Development Services’ and at the lowest cost to the developer . . . while we would get all the smog, air pollution and GHG (greenhouse gases) locally that these long-haul ‘commuter communities would produce -- Lilac Hills Ranch, Newland Sierra (‘Merriam Mountain’ in the old days), Warner Ranch, etc. An overwhelming victory! The County may use your tax dollars to appeal — but this shoots down every one of their arguments.”

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This program is open to all community members, including those who do not have a patient affiliation with the Elizabeth Hospice.

Attendees will learn from a panel of bereaved about their path forward and will participate in activities to enhance their feelings of hopefulness. Children, 3 to 17, are invited to participate in age-appropriate activities that will run concurrently.

Space is limited and registration is required. To reserve a seat, go to <http://bit.ly/EHseeds> by January 18. For more information about the workshop, contact Paula Bunn, bereavement manager, at 760-796-3726.

The Elizabeth Hospice, a nonprofit healthcare leader, offers a range of grief support services – individual counseling, workshops and support groups - for children and adults. These services are available in multiple locations across San Diego County and Southwest Riverside County. More information about grief support services can be found at www.elizabethhospice.org or by calling 760-294-5864.

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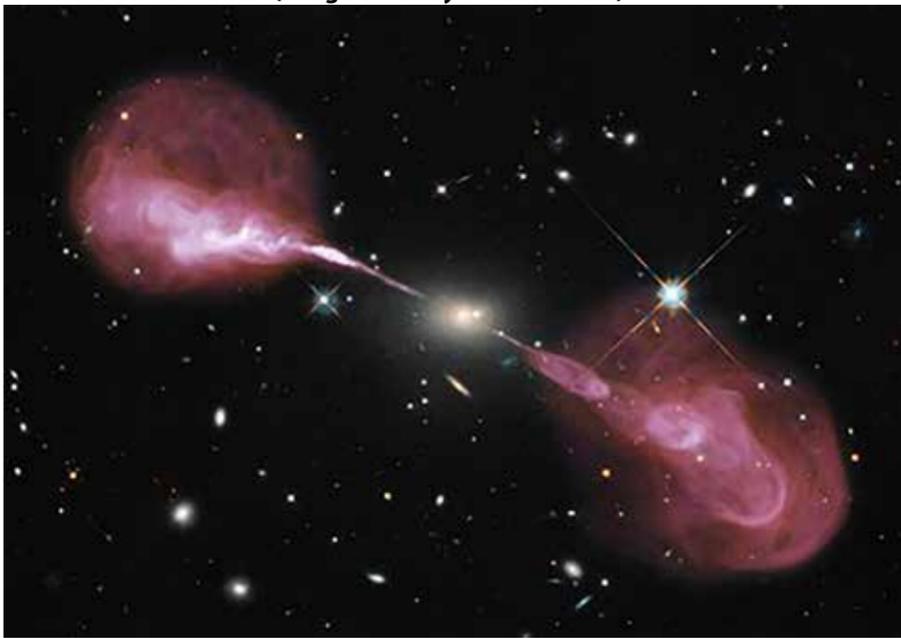
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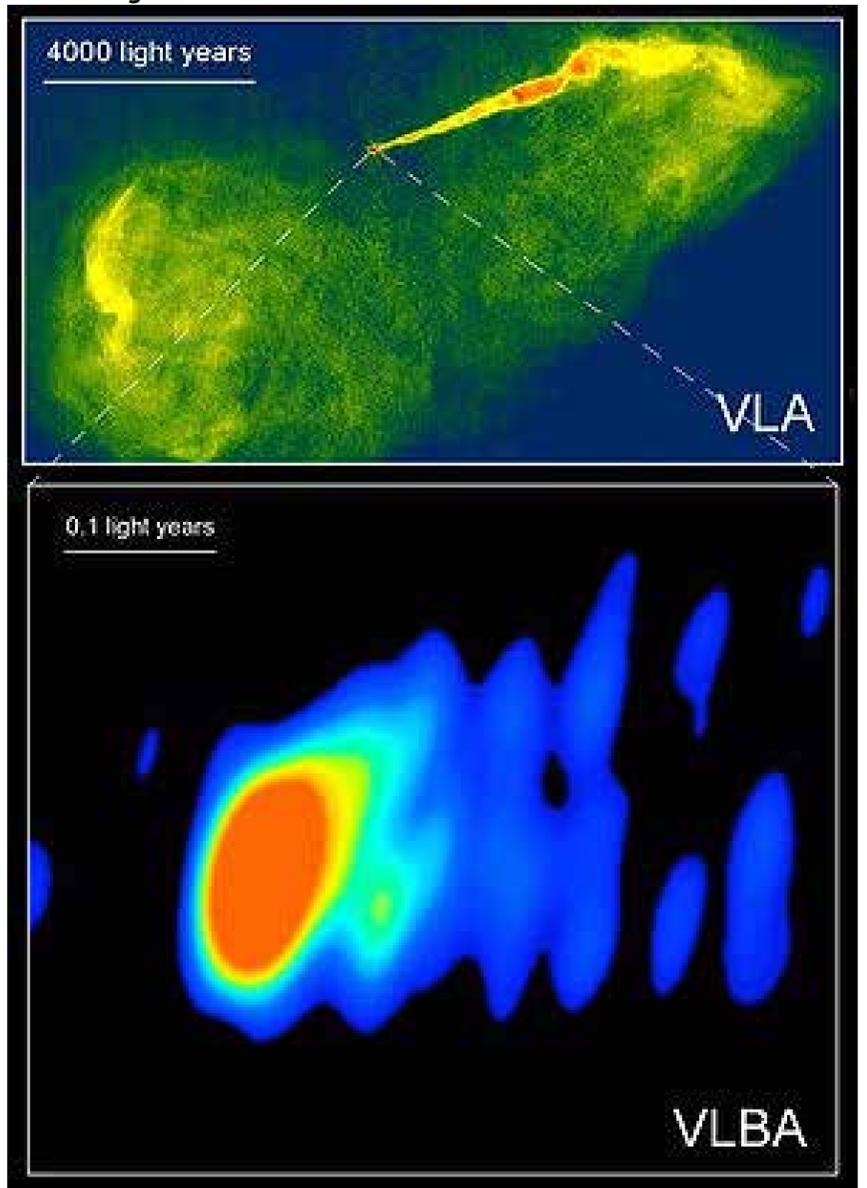
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VLA and Daughter



Galaxy Hercules A (visible in center.) Jets are optically invisible, powered by massive black hole



M-87 Galaxy Optical (above) Radio (below), showing particle jet from black hole

ASTRONOMY CORNER

Radio Astronomy

By Chris Holmes / Resident

When I visited my daughter in Albuquerque last summer, we took a trip to the Karl G. Jansky Very Large Array (VLA) radio telescope in the high desert of New Mexico. I had a general idea of what these instruments did, but when you see them in person, it's mind-boggling how big they are and how many: 27 of them, moved around on railroad tracks to form a gigantic array. When the signals these dishes receive are computer-processed, scientists can "see" objects outside the visible light spectrum. See Figure 1.

Radio waves are long-wavelength, low-frequency forms of electromagnetic radiation (EM). Though not visible, they can, when collected and processed, reveal features of the universe hidden from ordinary visual astronomy. One particular advantage of these waves is that they are not filtered by dust in other galaxies or by clouds in our own sky. And they can be detected 24 hours a day, not just at night.

The physics of radio waves is straight forward: when an element is heated, it emits a photon of EM at a wavelength unique to that element. Hydrogen gas, for example – the most common element in the universe – emits EM at 21cm. This has been used to map the structure of many galaxies in our universe.

In space, particles can be energized by non-thermal sources as well, such as magnetic fields. High energy objects

like pulsars, quasars, supernovae and neutron stars have been detected from these non-thermal sources of EM.

History of Radio Astronomy

Karl Jansky, an engineer at Bell Labs, was the first to detect radio waves from space when in 1933 he discovered a powerful source of EM in the constellation Sagittarius at the center of our galaxy. This source is now thought to be a super massive black hole, 27,000 light years from us.

Subsequent radio wave development led to radar (Radio Detection and Ranging) and its use in World War II. Bigger and more sensitive antennas were developed in the 1950s and 1960s to probe for more deep space objects.

Arguably the biggest radio discovery came in 1965 when the Cosmic Microwave Background radiation (CMB) was detected. Physicists Penzias and Wilson at Bell Labs were using a big antenna to pick up radar waves bounced off an orbiting satellite. But they kept getting background static, no matter how much they cleaned the antenna or the season in which they took their measurements. This "noise" was subsequently discovered to be the remnants of the Big Bang, which started the universe some 13.5 billion years ago.

A more recent development called Radio Interferometry is based on the principle that waves in phase add to one another. Combining many widely-

spaced dishes to collect waves from the same object produced much greater detail. See Figures 2: M-87 Galaxy Optical (above) Radio (below), showing particle jet from black hole and Figure 3: Galaxy Hercules A (visible in center.) Jets are optically invisible, powered by massive black hole.

Very Large Array

The VLA was one of the first combination of dishes used as an interferometer. Located at 6970 feet of elevation on the Plains of San Agustin in central New Mexico (about 50 miles west of Socorro), the twenty-seven 25-meter dishes are deployed in Y-shaped arrays. Moving the dishes into various configurations produces an instrument that functions like a 36-kilometer interferometer, equivalent to a single 422-foot antenna with a changeable diameter. See Figure 5.

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Not in pictured – Susan Gula and Nancy Ograd

Christmas Gift Bag Assembly

By Nancy Ograd / Resident

Thank you does not even begin to express appreciation to all of you travelers who contributed soaps, lotions, shampoos, cosmetics and numerous other items to this year's Christmas gift bags. Over 70 bags were assembled and distributed to Hidden Valley House and Interfaith. Interfaith was given additional several boxes of bulk items for use in their winter shelters.

The 14 ladies who gathered on December 6th had a wonderful time visiting with each other while assembling the bags, and then enjoying the delicious refreshments provided by Joanne Anglin, Cathy Nanz, Linda Kennedy, and Linda Shreve.

Please keep traveling and saving those precious items. We will be assembling bags for Mother's Day and Father's Day, so watch the *Hidden Meadows News* for the date and time.

The HM Women's Social Launches the Season

With Ho Ho Ho Holiday Festivities

By Rosemary Tulis / Resident

On December 6th Karla Fernandez hosted a merry celebration for the Hidden Meadows Women's Social to launch the holiday season. Lucky guests discovered that the sparkle of Karla's signature hair tinsel is matched by the twinkle in her eye during the holidays. She transformed her already amazing "Street of Dreams" home with dazzling decorations in every room. In addition, while guests brought a bountiful array of holiday treats, Karla also generously treated everyone to roast beef and turkey, as well as flutes filled with sparkling Prosecco. An ornament swap was followed by lively guessing games with reward prizes courtesy of Karla. Heartfelt thanks to Karla for her generous hospitality in creating such a joyful start to the whirlwind of the winter holidays. We all realize and appreciate the incredible effort required to create such an entertaining event, especially at this busy time of year. She set us aglow with her inspiring and generous holiday spirit.

The Hidden Meadows Women's Social Group welcomes all Hidden Meadows women at any time. Long-time residents and newcomers meet and greet each month to share an evening of relaxation and friendship. There are no membership fees and no commitment requirements, other than a friendly smile and a potluck dish to share. Contact information is provided in the monthly Hidden Meadows News. To join the invitation list, please send your full name, email address, and telephone number to hmwsg92026@gmail.com. An Evite e-mail invitation is sent out monthly to interested women. Need a perfect gift to treat yourself? Join our invitation list and start the new year with a wonderful opportunity for a refreshing night of camaraderie right here in our own beautiful neighborhood of Hidden Meadows.



Revelers pause for a holiday photo: Patti Preston, Dawn Korinek, Linda Collins, Susan Clyne, Sharon Cook, Jody Granger, Sima Kashani

What's Happening in Hidden Meadows?

ACTIVE

STATUS	ADDRESS	LIST PRICE
ACT	Sage Hill Way	\$529,000
ACT	E Meadow Glen Way	\$549,900
ACT	Glenmeade Way	\$569,000
ACT	Oak Spur Way	\$575,000 - \$575,000
ACT	Glenmeade Way	\$590,000
ACT	Fallen Tree Lane	\$615,000 - \$625,000
ACT	Glenmeade Way	\$625,000
ACT	Meadow Glen Way West	\$664,900
ACT	Indian Creek Way	\$669,900
ACT	Meadow Glen Way East	\$650,000 - \$685,000
ACT	N. View Lane	\$725,000
ACT	Pinion Trail	\$749,900
ACT	Alps Way	\$847,000
ACT	Alps Way	\$879,000
ACT	Cerveza Court	\$899,000 - \$949,000
ACT	Sage Glen Trail	\$1,500,000 - \$1,700,000
ACT	Hidden Meadows Road	\$1,799,000

PENDING

STATUS	ADDRESS	LIST PRICE
PENDING	Stonington Way	\$624,900
PENDING	Mountain Meadow Rd.	\$639,900
PENDING	Aspen Glen	\$699,000
PENDING	Golden Leaf Place	\$839,000
PENDING	Mountain Meadow Rd.	\$2,400,000

SOLD

STATUS	ADDRESS	LIST PRICE	SOLD PRICE
SOLD	28222 Red Stone Lane	\$535,000	\$520,000
SOLD	28423 Wimbledon Lane	\$499,000 - \$539,000	\$520,000
SOLD	29511 Circle R Greens Dr.	\$549,000	\$542,000
SOLD	9705 Indian Creek Way	\$597,777	\$597,777
SOLD	10538 Aspen Glen	\$699,900 - \$724,900	\$705,000
SOLD	10436 Burned Oak Lane	\$839,900	\$799,000
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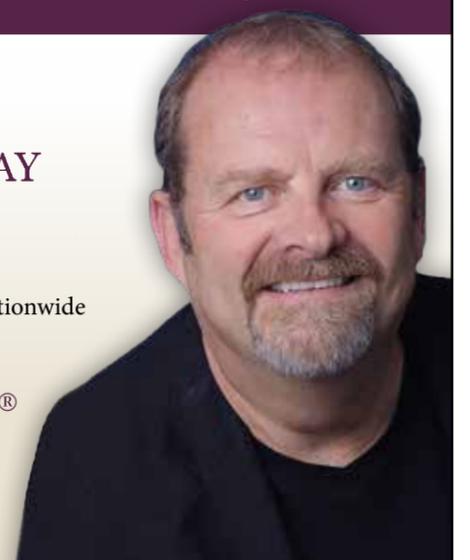
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Boulder Oaks Women's Golf Club

By Mary Jo Moore / Resident

SWEEPS RESULTS

Nov 22: No golf. Thanksgiving.

Nov 29: Course was closed. Too much rain.

Dec 6: Ace of the Month for December was a rain out.

Dec 13: The Ace of Aces Tournament was played today All the aces of the month vied for the championship. Donna Williams is our new Ace of the Year with a net 63. Second place was Ellen Koury with a net 70, and third place was Elissa Hamilton with a net 73.

Dec 20: Nassau: The winner for the front nine was Donna Williams with a net 26. Winner for the back nine was Elissa Hamilton with a net 31. The overall winner, for the combined 18, was Elissa Hamilton with a net 60.

Following golf on December 20th, we had our Christmas Party at the Boulder Oaks Golf Clubhouse. We had a turkey dinner, and Elissa Hamilton installed our new officers for 2019. Ellen brought a little champagne, and we had a toast to a great year of golf and for a great new year of golf!! Janet Dopp handed out the awards for the Ringers of the year.

Other awards were handed out as well. Donna Huhn was the Most Improved Golfer of the Year for 2018.



2019 Board: L. to R. Renee Neuzil, 2nd VP/Handicap Chairman, Donna Huhn, Treasurer; Donna Williams, 1st VP/Tournament Chairman, Ellen Koury, President, and Elissa Hamilton, Secretary.

THIS AND THAT - MOST IMPROVED PLAYER OF THE MONTH

The most improved player for the month of November 2018 was Pauly Schoolcraft. The information in the chart below is calculated from Nov 1, 2018 through Nov 30, 2018.

Name	Starting HDCP	Diff	Ending HDCP	Diff	Factor
Paulette Schoolcraft	21.6	226	20.9	218	1.021

Congratulations Pauly!! Again, two months in a row.

ACE OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER

No Ace for December. We were rained out.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Membership information for Boulder Oaks Women's Golf Club is available by contacting Dorothy Aleshire at 760-749-5694 or emailing Dorothy at dorothyaleshire@gmail.com. The Boulder Oaks Women's Golf Club (formerly Meadow Lake Women's Golf club) invites all ladies who like golf to join our club. We play sweeps and tournaments. We welcome new and/or experienced golfers of every handicap. For golf on Thursdays, please contact Donna Williams at 760-751-1787 or email dcwmsretired@yahoo.com.

Need a Fun-Filled New Year's Resolution?

By Rosemary Tulis / Resident

Join Us January 18th -- Social Group Information Night

New Year's resolutions inspire us to accomplish goals to improve our lives. There's no better way to enjoy our charming Hidden Meadows community than by participating in monthly gatherings at the homes of neighbors. This month provides a perfect opportunity to welcome the new year by joining one of the Hidden Meadows Social Groups.

Each social group is comprised of 10 to 12 couples, usually meeting for monthly dinners. A popular tradition is for the host couple of the month to plan the entree and drinks, and others to contribute appetizers, sides, and desserts. Other options include potluck, small plates (drinks and apps), brunch, restaurant, theater, movies, etc. Groups create their own guidelines, annual calendars, and distribute contact information.

An Information Night will be held for interested neighbors from 6 to 8 PM, on Friday, January 18th at the Hidden Meadows Community Center Pavilion, 28208 Meadow Glen Way West. Participation is open to all "Meadowites," both those recently moved to Hidden Meadows, as well as those who have lived here for years and are just now ready to venture into joining a group. For further information, contact Toni Wozmak at toni.wozmak@hotmail.com or Sandy Broadley at sandybroadley@gmail.com.

Goodbye to 2018

A heartfelt thank you to our beautiful community for the overwhelming support you have shown us over the last 5 months. We are grateful to be part of of this wonderful and caring community.



The Market At Hidden Meadows Goals for 2019 remain the same:

- Be a True Neighborhood Market – Carry what your neighbors need, and what they request, sell everything at a fair price. Give them a reason to not need to shop anywhere else.
- Provide exceptionally good service. Make someone's day brighter!
- Provide fresh, Quality Food, at all costs.
- Give back to our community.
- OFFER Food Delivery/Curbside Pick-up – to provide better service to your community.

THE MARKET
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Progressive Dinner in Hidden Meadows

By Hidden Meadows Community Foundation

Leaping into the holiday spirit was easy on the night of the Foundation's second annual Progressive Dinner on Sunday the 9th of December. Hidden Meadows residents enjoyed an evening of cozy dining and camaraderie.

The first destination was dinner at one of four homes in the Meadows. The hosts, Jim and Sandy Larsh, Karen Sherman, Chris and Jacque Joslyn, and Steve and Wendy Rogers, offered appetizers, soup, breads and conversation with old and new friends.

Awara Mirza, the event coordinator at Boulder Oaks, with the help of Pat and Roy Buntin, Judy Dunn and their committee members transformed Boulder Oaks restaurant into a winter wonderland. Mouth-watering desserts, coordinated by Jennifer Hill, tempted everyone.

When it was time for music, Robin Rabens played the keyboard, Kloe Fulenwider offered her first public appearance on the ukulele, and Andrea Fulenwider, Kloe's grandmother, led the Christmas caroling vocally. The evening underscored the friendliness and uniqueness of our community.



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Award-winning lecture series comes to Escondido

The award-winning January Series of Calvin College is coming to Escondido. From January 3-23, 2019, Calvin Christian School will be one of more than 50 remote webcast locations worldwide to broadcast one of the nation's leading lecture and cultural arts series.

The 2019 January Series features an impressive lineup of experts, including a two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, a New York Times best-selling author, and a multiple Oscar and Emmy-nominated costume designer, to name a few.

For a full list of speakers and topics, visit <http://www.calvin.edu/january>

The 15 speakers will offer informed perspectives on a wide range of today's most relevant topics, including polarization in politics, immigration, sexual abuse, climate justice, and race and America, among many others.

"What I love about our audience each year is they come wanting to learn, wanting to be better global citizens. And they are willing to listen to some new ideas and consider them, and then find ways to act on what they've heard," said Kristi Potter, director of the January Series. "And what they can trust the series to deliver is speakers who have really thought through their material and are trying to make the world a better place by what they are studying, what they are doing, what they are researching and talking about."

Some of the notable presenters who will take the stage in 2019 include:

Rachael Denhollander, an advocate and educator who became known internationally in 2018 as the first woman to file a police report and speak publicly against Larry Nassar. This year, she was named one of Time Magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the World.

Nicholas Kristof, a columnist for *The New York Times* and winner of two Pulitzer Prizes in his 30 years of covering the world.

Mary Robinson, former president of Ireland and widely regarded as a groundbreaking and transformational leader who elevated the public role of the Irish presidency, helping to shape modern Ireland in a period of rapid and unprecedented economic growth. Following her tenure as president, Robinson went on to serve as the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Barbara Pierce Bush, daughter of former U.S. President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush, co-founder of Global Health Corps, and co-author of "*Sisters First: Stories from Our Wild and Wonderful Life*."

The January Series lectures will be video streamed live at Calvin Christian School (2000 N. Broadway, Escondido, California 92026) from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. PST Monday through Friday. The lectures are free and open to the public.

In 2019, more than 50 remote locations will carry the January Series—spanning 21 U.S. states, two Canadian provinces, and one site in Europe.

For more information about the January Series, contact Terry Kok at terrykok@calvinsocal.org or at 760-291-8909. To download a hi-res photo of any speaker, visit www.calvin.edu/january-series/speakers and click on the name of the speaker.

About the January Series

Started in 1987, the January Series is an annual, award-winning, 15-day lecture series that exists to cultivate deep thought and conversations about important issues of the day in order to inspire cultural renewal and better equip global citizens. The series is free and open to the public. Join this year's conversations and revisit previous talks at www.calvin.edu/january.

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HIDDEN MEADOWS

Community Resources and Organizations

Resources

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

The Deer Springs CERT program is comprised of volunteers who have completed a 24-hour training program designed by FEMA that includes instruction in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, disaster medical operations, ways to improve home and work place safety, and how to prepare for an emergency. The volunteers are also trained in CPR, first aid, and in the use of a defibrillator. Contact Marc Weissman at 760-525-5170 or marcweissman11@gmail.com.

Community Sponsor Group

The members, appointed by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, meet monthly to provide a communication link with the San Diego County Planning and Land Use Department. They review and make recommendations on all types of land use, building matters and other planning issues that affect our community life. Their areas of interest include property north of the city of Escondido, east of I-15, south of Old Castle Road, and west of Valley Center. Contact Wayne Dauber at 760-749-6085 or hmdaub@cox.net for more information.

Deer Springs Fire Safe Council

The mission of the Deer Springs Fire Safe Council (DSFSC) is to preserve lives, property and natural resources by mobilizing all members of our community to make our neighborhoods fire safe. This is accomplished through the following:

Education- Through the use of instructional literature, meetings, the website www.deerspringsfiresafecouncil.com and newspaper articles, the Council shall disseminate proven measures for fire safety. This information will be provided to every district resident at least once each year.

Prevention- The council shall take the necessary steps to mitigate future wildfires and other uncontrolled fires within the community.

Communication- The Council shall acquire and

develop the necessary capabilities to communicate to all our residents during an emergency event.

Contact Craig Cook at 760-532-5708.

Emergency Communication System

The Deer Springs Fire Safe Council sponsors its own Emergency Communications System (ECS) that will call registered residents in the event of an emergency. This is a free service provided by local members of the council but you must be registered to receive a call. A system-wide test is conducted each summer to make sure everyone who has registered will receive a test call. Any phone number in the United States may be registered. To register, visit www.deerspringsfiresafecouncil.com.

An information hotline is updated during emergencies or noteworthy events and may be called 24/7 at 949-472-1407. Red flags are placed on the "Fire Danger Signs" during red flag warnings.

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Hidden Meadows Ranch Homeowners Association
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Silverado Management Services

Oak Meadows Glen Homeowners Association
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Organizations

Artisan Guild

The Hidden Meadows Artisan Guild seeks to **Inspire**, foster and promote arts and crafts of all mediums,

Promote supportive networking, marketing, and social opportunities,

Encourage member empowerment, educational opportunities, and fun

Develop an appreciation of the arts within our community

Contact Wendy Smith-Rogers at 760-749-5652 or wsmithrogers@gmail.com for information about the guild's monthly meetings, art show, and activities.

Bridge

Weekly Bridge for women is held at the pavilion. Contact Joanne Boessow at 760-751-0261 or mljab33@cox.net.

Bunco

There are several women's Bunco groups in the community, but are independently run by groups of women who want to have fun once a month. If interested, consider putting an ad in nextdoor.com for other interested residents.

Garden Club

Everyone in the community who is interested in gardening is invited to participate in the Hidden Meadows Garden Club. Monthly events include field trips around the county, plant exchanges, plant and garden crafts as well as ongoing exchanges of ideas and expertise on the local flora and fauna. Contact Lisa Lonsdale at 760-749-8723 or ldonsdale4@gmail.com.

Hidden Meadows Community Foundation (HMCF)

At the heart of the community events and activities lies the Foundation whose purpose is fourfold:

- Beautification programs such as the maintenance of the medians

- Neighbors Helping Neighbors (temporary assistance for residents in distress)

- Scholarships for residents who are graduating from high school

- Community events

All donations are tax-deductible and can be sent to HMCF, 9856 Canyon Country Lane.

For more information, contact Wendy Smith-Rogers at 760-749-5652 or wsmithrogers@gmail.com.

Ladies Bible Study

The group meets weekly on Tuesday mornings during September through May in the homes of the participants. Contact Bonnie Miyamoto at 760-297-1508 or Debbie Hamer at 760-297-1108.

Social Groups

Several social groups have been organized in Hidden Meadows over the years for those who want to meet other singles and couples throughout the community. Typically twelve households make up a group so that a gathering can be organized once a month at each other's homes. Each group has its own way of planning the gatherings, such as potluck, drink and appetizers, outings, brunch, or hosts providing everything. For more information, contact Toni Wozmak at toni.wozmak@hotmail.com

Tennis Club

Current tennis players range from 25 to over 90 years young. Some matches are organized according to ability, but most are just fun matches where everyone can play. Contact Katy Freeze at 760-749-9722 or clarkfreeze@gmail.com.

Women's Golf Club

The Boulder Oaks Women's Golf Club is a member of the San Diego County Women's Golf Association and Santa Margarita Women's Golf Association. The latter offers inter-club competitive matches with nearby clubs. Thursday is Ladies Day at eh course with a variety of tournament formats played throughout the year. Membership in the Boulder Oaks Golf Course is not required for women wishing to join this club. Contact Dorothy Aleshire at 760-749-5694 or dorothyaleshire@gmail.com if you are interested in knowing more about the club.

Women's Social Group

Monthly gatherings at members' homes for a potluck dinner and conversation are a wonderful way to meet new faces in Hidden Meadows. For information about upcoming gatherings, send an email to hmwsq92026@gmail.com.

Yoga

Free Yoga sessions are available at the Pavilion on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:00. Contact Joanne Boessow at 760-751-0261 or mljab33@cox.net for more information.

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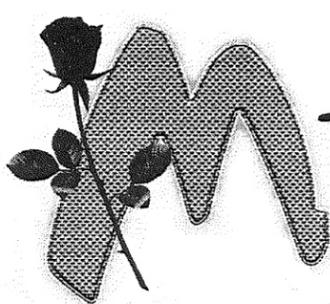
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TV RECS AND WRECKS

By SK- The Constant Watcher

Welcome to The Constant Watcher and a list of TV Recs and Wrecks

Now that winter is upon us, we don't need an excuse to settle down on the couch (or recliner) with our remote (or voice control) and binge on popcorn (or veggie chips) while watching some unusually stellar TV programs (Recs) and avoiding the clunkers (Wrecks).

Is it just me - or did the cable networks and streaming services recently hire some excellent writers, cinematographers, and award-winning actors and actresses to enhance Winter's watching pleasure? Below, is a menu of delicious programs to watch on Cable or stream (with subscription). The Watch List includes dark comedies, documentaries, realityTV and dramatic series.

The Current Recs:

Julia Roberts in Amazon's "Homecoming" and Michael Douglas and Alan Arkin in Netflix's "The Kominsky Method." These three Award-winning actors bring so much to the acting table with meaty roles in well-written series.

- "Homecoming" is a semi sci-fi/thriller, and Julia Roberts, sans makeup, flies under the magnetic personality-radar in this serious role.

- "The Kominsky Method" is sweet & sour dark comedy, bravely displaying the challenges of growing older - and, with experience, wiser. Here, Douglas and Arkin, as best friends, are poignantly at their best.

If you want to sink your teeth into documentaries, there's at least two worth watching.

- "Making A Murderer#2," on Netflix, features attorney Kathleen Zellner, schooling us on private investigating, as she works to get her client a new trial. Compelling watch for those who favor true-crime dramas.

- "The Clinton Affair," on A & E, focuses on Monica Lewinsky, mostly out of mind and out of sight for the past 20 years. Her version of events and the ugly betrayal of her by Linda Tripp gives an objective back-story to the politics at hand.

Cable offers new seasons of both "Shark Tank" and "The Profit". The Profit recently aired and Shark Tank debuts again (not in time for this review).

- "The Profit" - Marcus Lemonis - on CNBC, cable, he saves businesses while building a Midas-like portfolio of connected companies

in the food, clothing and service industries. Watching him negotiate and rebuild a struggling company is a class worth taking if you are or want to be an entrepreneur.

And finally,

- "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel". I've saved the best of the best for last - the 2nd Season of Amazon's "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" - in my humble-brag opinion, this is a High Rec, and I've only just seen the first three of this year's new series. The first Season was "Marvelous" and scooped up Emmy's for the stars, Rachel Brosnahan and Alex Borstein, as well as the show creators. This comedy is pure delight in every aspect, including 1940s wardrobes, settings and music. And a bonus is the heartfelt morales it projects, a welcome ingredient in programs worth Watching.

And, to wrap up (as they say), here's my partial wreck-list. (bashed fenders) - although not a total loss -

- "The Romanoffs" - Fans of "Mad Men" will want to cherry pick among the episodes in Matthew Weiner's sometimes-provocative Amazon series. There are eight different chapters, sewn together thematically, While mostly beautifully acted, the plots are ragged. Famed actors and actresses appear (and reappear) in cameos, but not frequently enough to hold up the spotty storytelling, which feels pressured and stiff.

The Golden Globe nominations by the Hollywood Foreign Press were announced recently- and "Homecoming" "The Kominsky Method" and "The Marvelous Mrs Maisel" and its stars were all nominated - which might give you extra incentive to watch them. (Documentaries and Reality TV weren't in the running). Until next time - Yours in Watching, S. Kravetz

S. Kravetz is a longtime published newspaper, magazine and internet reviewer of books, film and TV. You can find her on Twitter @booksavor.

No Wrecks this Watch List, but "The Voice" Season Whatever comes close to ending up in the wreck yard. The hamming by the judges was sort of unforgivable.

More Recs and Wrecks next month - hopefully more of the former and less of the latter, but there's always more Real Housewives Reunion Shows to scourge.

A History of Hidden Meadows 1769-1987

Written by Hazel Early and edited by Allen Hemphill

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Old Rancho Days Chapter 1 -- The Early Days

In a place north of Escondido, California in the foothills of the Palomar Mountain range is an beautiful upland valley called Hidden Meadows. Under a huge ancient spreading oak tree, the first owners of the ranch built their home. On my first visit to the area searching for a homesite, I became acquainted with the splendid live oak and my husband and I built our home within sight of it on Glengarry Lane. In 1972 we were the fourteenth house to be completed in the subdivision. We found pieces of old harness, cans of old bolts and other remnants of the old ranch on our lot. Many days as I walked about the area and under the leafy old oak tree, I tried to visualize life in the early days of Meadow Lake Ranch. Recently on a morning walk I paused to look up into the old oak's gnarled branches as the leaves stirred in a slight breeze and I seemed to hear a voice. Could it be? The tree? Yes. As the old one whispered and sighed this story emerged: "Please, sit down and listen. I've tales to tell. It's been so long since anyone has sat beneath my spreading limbs to seek the comfort of my shade. For years there's been no one to hear the wind rustling through my leaves, the soft winter rains which wash my

dusty coat, or my hurt when storms break my branches. I'm getting old now and worried, too. Men have been walking beneath me with clipboards in their hands. They don't stop to rest in my sheltering shade. They walk about pointing and gazing up at my relatives on the hill. They speak of machines to grade and fill, to change the terrain. "My land came under the protection of the King of Spain by virtue of the law of the Indies upon the Spanish occupation of California in 1769. Ownership passed to the Mexican government in 1822 after Mexico's Declaration of Independence from Spain and establishment of the sovereignty of the Republic of Mexico. In 1848, following the Mexican War, California became United States Territory. Title to the land was confirmed by authority of the United States government in a Patent issued George C. Kuchel and recorded May 24, 1882. Before that and not recorded, many Indians traversed the land and took shelter under my domain. There's no record of my age either, but I've been here over 200 years so I'm concerned about these men now making plans for my land. The Indians [Mexicans] are back too. They dress like

the white man now and carry plastic bags of food. In the 'olden days,' I supplied some of their food as my acorns fell to the ground. The creek, which is dry now, supplied their water year around. Now they camp in the surrounding wilderness area."

Walking home, I began thinking about the changes soon to take place at Hidden Meadows and, feeling that the last remnants of the old ranch might disappear soon, I contacted Will Watson, one of the long-time ranchers of the area. Will, now 82, still lives on his ranch across from the clubhouse. During our conversation, Will mentioned that the granddaughter of the original Meadow Lake Ranch owner still lives in the area. Naturally, I became very enthused and with Will's help I located Harriet Crise DeGraw. During many conversations, Mrs. DeGraw and Mr. Watson related the events over the years until the ranch passed on to First Republic Development in 1965.

A man named Johnson arrived in the valley prior to 1875 and he built a log cabin nearby. He raised pigs and marketed them in San Diego, which was about a three-day round trip. One day going down, a day to unload, sell the pigs, perhaps pick up supplies and a day to return. (No record can be found of Johnson's claim.) Before long George C. Kuchel, who had a claim on a part of what is now the Daley ranch, traded claims with Johnson and moved to the ranch, recording his claim in May 1882. The legal description of the Kuchel property is parts of section 16, 17 and 18, Township 11 South, Range 2 San Bernardino Base and Meridian.

George built a home made of adobe bricks, which he manufactured, on the site. He became acquainted with Marie Cobetta Wellar, a German immigrant girl of nineteen. When Marie and her father landed in New York from Germany, they encountered a man who relieved them of part of their money by promoting Rancho Santa Fe as a land of untold wealth for growing olives. Disappointed with the land when they arrived in California, they moved to what later became the Escondido area. Before long, George and Marie were married and moved into the adobe house at the ranch.

Much of the valley area was a swamp land; a drainage system was devised. The resulting soil was rich and fertile. On parts of the ranch Muscat grapes were planted or raised; but due to the 1200 feet altitude, the grapes ripened a good two weeks later than those in Escondido and there wasn't sufficient drying time before cold weather arrived. They also planted six or seven acres of apple trees.

George's brother, Robert, was another early settler. He filed a claim on adjoining acres to the east. Robert spent more time hunting and prospecting than in trying to farm his land so it was never improved to the extent of George and Marie's ranch.

Whenever Robert ran short of money, he sold a piece of his land. Then Robert married Alvira Nelson and they had three children. Grapes and apples were raised as a cash crop on Robert's ranch.

To improve his stock, George Kuchel decided to graft wine grapes to his vines and went to Sonoma as an apprentice for two years to learn to make wine. Brother Robert tended both ranches in George's absence. When George returned he built three adobe buildings to process the grapes. A vein of adobe clay had been found conveniently nearby.

The nearby ranchers bought supplies at a trading post, Graham & Stelner; located northeast of where Lake Hodges is now. Staples such as flour, sugar, and tobacco were available here. A trip to San Diego supplied the other necessities. The store was moved to the new town of Escondido in 1886, established after Wolfskill sold his land holdings to the Escondido Land Company. Mail delivery was to McDougal Ranch which the post-office called Apex. Periodically, the ranchers

would ride horseback to McDougal's to pick up their mail. In 1887 the post-office was located in a small shack in Escondido and then in The New York Store. Later, when phone books were published, the address for the Kuchel ranch was North Broadway. The ranch was appropriately named Big Rock Ranch after the nearby huge boulder that guards the entrance to the ranch house. In addition to the grapes, varied farm crops, such as hay and small grain, were cultivated on the ranch. Children Nellie Marie and George, Jr. were born here. They attended Rincon School near the present Jesmond Dene Park. A horse-drawn sulky supplied their transportation to the school. Nellie sometimes walked down the westerly end of the valley through the chaparral to the underground waterfall and would sit on a huge rock listening to the water splashing below as it tumbled over boulders to reach the lower valley.

As the population increased, area ranchers banded together to build a one room school at the Nevin ranch at the

foot of the grade. Later the schoolhouse was moved up to Kuchel Mesa and located on an acre of the Hill ranch at Mountain Meadow Road near the present Cerveza Drive. Clamar School was named in honor of two students, Clarissa Haucheldt and Mary Stewart. One of the teachers was Lizzie Leggo. During the week Lizzie lived in a one-room home next to the school. By this time George Kuchel had built a two-room wooden ranch house. On Sundays people would drive out to Kuchel Mesa from Escondido through Reldy Canyon and Oat Hills, approaching the ranches from the east, to buy apples for about one cent a pound. Tables were spread out under the oak trees and Marie Kuchel would provide food to those who came. The Kuchel ranch was just a pleasant drive from Escondido and visitors lingered under the cool oak trees to visit before heading home to Escondido. Many people became acquainted with the old spreading live oak tree on these relaxing Sunday afternoons.

ANNUAL EVENTS

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Sellers' Faire
2nd Saturday of each month:
March–November
Boulder Oaks parking lot

Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 20
Pavilion

Artisan Guild Arts and Crafts Show & Sale
Saturday, April 27 & Sunday April 28
Pavilion

Community Garage Sale
Saturday, May 11
Throughout Hidden Meadows

Fourth of July Parade/Picnic
Tuesday, July 4
Club House parking lot

Summer Family Movie Nights
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Saturday, October 26
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Let's Go to the Show!

By Linda Collins / Resident

It seems like there have been a lot of great choices in theater recently. Some of our members went to the Neil Diamond Tribute at the Welk Resort. Another member of our group, Dawn Fuller, did costume design for "She Loves Me" at the Scripps Ranch Theater, and invited everyone to come. Unfortunately, I missed it, as my family got together for an early Christmas that day.

I did go to "Every Christmas Story Ever Told" at the Escondido Playhouse. Several of us attended and laughed, oh my, what fun! A mix up of Christmas stories in a fun and entertaining show. The writer has a great style and the 3 actors that performed the whole show were amazing. I cannot imagine remembering that many lines, even when I could remember things. And, they sang, danced in tutus, and had their comedy down pat. They included some bits of audience participation, which was wonderful. In a small theater like the Escondido Playhouse, you feel like you are all family. So we laughed and cheered as audience members were drawn into the story. I really enjoy fun and interactive shows like this. And, how wonderful to have a group of ladies to go with me.

The Hidden Meadows Women's Social Group meets monthly for an evening social and adds



Lisa Demars, Frances Munk, Linda Collins, Summer Sports

other activities as things come along, such as breakfasts and theater. What's great is you can put any idea out there and find people from the neighborhood interested in going along. For more information on the Hidden Meadows Women's Social group, email hmwsg92026@gmail.com. Come have some fun!

PATIOBILL

Every Christmas Story Ever Told (And Then Some)!

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original music by Will Knapp

Directed by David Guthrie Produced by Laurissa Rudgers

November 16 - December 16



The new Palomar board

Four new Palomar Health board members take oath

The Palomar Health Board of Directors seated four new members effective Monday, December 10 when John Clark, Laurie Edwards-Tate, Richard Engel and Linda Greer took the oath of office at 6:40 p.m. They join incumbents Doug Moir, Jeff Griffith and Tom Kumura.

Clark, Edwards-Tate, Engel and Greer were elected to four-year terms on November 6 by voters living in the Palomar Health District, encompassing 800 square miles with more than 500,000 residents. The district covers all or portions of Escondido, Poway, Rancho Bernardo, Rancho Peñasquitos, San Marcos, Vista, Valley Center, Pauma Valley, Pala, Ramona, Julian, Palomar Mountain and Santa Ysabel.

In their first official action, the board elected Doug Moir as chair, Richard Engel as vice-chair, John Clark as treasurer and Laurie Edwards-Tate as secretary.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting is Monday, January 14.

About Palomar Health

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Holiday Boutique and Craft Fair

By Jane Krohn / Resident

This year's Holiday Boutique and Craft Faire at the Boulder Oaks Golf Club on Dec. 2 went off without a hitch. Shoppers had a wide variety of items from which to choose presented by over 25 vendors who

sold jewelry, clothing items, collectibles, succulent arrangements, food, and a wide variety of other handmade crafts and unique gift items. An appraiser was in attendance for those who were interested in determining the value of a collectible.

The organizers are extremely grateful to the Boulder Oaks team, and especially Awara Mirza, for hosting the event and for all their effort to get the facility prepared for all the vendors.



Holiday Boutique at Boulder Oaks



Yvonne & Danny Martinez: The Pot Lady



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