

HIDDEN MEADOWS

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After a year of being closed, CCAE museum to reopen in April

The first exhibit since the COVID-19 shut down the California Center for the Arts, Escondido will premiere this spring.

"We have a new exhibit opening in April," Center Director Jerry Van Leeuwen told *The Hidden Meadows News*. "It is Oil Painters of America. They are a national group of professional oil painters. We will be exhibiting 250 paintings. The unique thing of this show is the art is for sale at the end of the show. The Center will receive a portion of the sale as well, so it could be a significant fundraiser for us."

He added, "The art is representational and very beautiful. We will be open at reduced capacity as is directed but that still allows us to have about 100 people in the galleries. The Center will be doing Wine Wednesdays again as well."

Oil Painters of America: 30th National Juried Exhibition will open Saturday, April 10 and be on display until Sunday, May 16.

Dedicated to preserving and promoting excellence in representational art, Oil Painters of America's primary mission is to advance the cause of traditional, representational fine art by drawing attention to the lasting value of fine drawing, color, composition, and the appreciation of light. Every piece in the exhibition will be for sale, a portion of which will help benefit the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. More information about the exhibition is available on the Center's website: artcenter.org/museum.

Mikee Ferran, exhibition & visual arts supervisor for the museum commented: "We are so excited to bring over 250 pieces of artwork from all over North America to Escondido. This is the first time the Center's Museum has featured an exhibition of this scale, and we are looking forward to sharing the talents of Oil Painters of America with our community."

The Oil Painters of America Exhibition will be the first of exhibition 2021



Faire goer and best friend

Sellers Faire Update

By Michelle Zipse / Resident

The Seller's Faire is returning in April. Dates are on Sundays this year. Thanks to Mr. Kim for letting us use the lower parking lot location across from the market and deli. All events will be swap meet style with one-way pedestrian traffic like we did in 2020. Please come out and support the fun.

Dates are: April 25, May 23, June 27, September 19, October 24, December 5

that will be open to the public at the Center. The Museum's Winter exhibition, Campus Creatives, was unfortunately not allowed to open for public viewing due to state-wide COVID-19 restrictions, although artists' works were featured publicly on social media. The exhibition featured contemporary works from Fine Arts Faculty across San Diego's colleges and universities.

The Museum will be open to the public at limited capacity to ensure the safety of all patrons and staff. All visitors will be required to wear a mask.

Oil Painters of America will come alongside the reopening of many other arts & entertainment mediums in San Diego as the pandemic wanes and vaccinations rise. This month, The Center announced a two new outdoor entertainment series On the Green and Cabaret in the Courtyard. Sign up for email notifications about all that's going at The Center at artcenter.org/subscribe.

Community Foundation Fundraising Update

It's April!

Along with all the craziness and uncertainty connected with the Coronavirus, some things are still the same and very predictable.

It's time for Spring, enjoying longer daylight hours in the evening, spring cleaning AND making a donation to the Hidden Meadows Community Foundation.

Our annual fundraising campaign from March through May has raised over \$4,000 to date, and many thanks to our generous neighbors.

Please review the contents of the enclosed envelope and send your donation today. We need additional funds to support all aspects of our mission statement: Community Events, Beautification, Neighbors Helping Neighbors and Scholarships.

Please help the Foundation that, along with many volunteers, makes this community so unique and wonderful.

City hopeful of 2021 Cruisin' Grand

The City of Escondido is working under the assumption that there will be a Cruisin' Grand this year, although it might be a truncated one.

The Hidden Meadows News reached out to Teresa Collins, deputy director of communications for the city, who said she and Cruisin' Grand founder Steve Waldron have been meeting regularly on the street festival that normally runs from April to October, and which didn't happen at all last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Both the City and his [Waldron's] group (SoCal Productions) are committed to get Cruisin' Grand up and running just as soon as we are permitted by the State and the County," said Collins. "We do not have a firm start date as of today, but we are hopeful there will be a 2021 season. It may be shorter than normal and we will have to adhere to whatever COVID safety guidance is provided by the State/County, but we are confident we can find a way to adapt."

UPCOMING Events

Spring Food Drive

Saturday, April 17, 2021, from 9am to 2pm
Boulder Oaks Golf Course Clubhouse
10333 Meadow Glen Way East

Mother's Day Gift Bags

Drop off at 28105 Mountain Meadow Road,
Between Tuesday, April 20th and Friday, April 30th.
Or bring them to the Spring Food Drive on Saturday April 17th.

Sunday Sellers' Faire

Sunday, April 25, 2021, 9am - Noon
Boulder Oaks Golf Course Parking Lot

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Mother’s Day Gift Bag Assembly 2021

By Nancy Ogrod / Resident

2020 has passed us by and it is time for a fresh start for Hidden Valley House and Interfaith. It will soon be time to assemble the spring “gift bags.” While traveling has been so restricted this this past year, I hope you have been saving those precious items for the bags. If you haven’t been traveling and want to contribute, watch for upcoming sales on some items that are always needed - toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant, and little mouthwashes. The donations (little soaps, little shampoos, little lotions, etc.) may be dropped off at the Ogrod residence, 28105 Mountain Meadow Road, ANY TIME after Monday, April 19th, but no later than Friday, April 30th. If no one is at home, please leave them on the front porch. If you prefer, you can bring them to the food drive on Saturday April 17th.

The gift bags will be assembled on Wednesday, May 5th at 11:00 am. The number of people who can help will be limited due to social distancing, and masks will be requested. If you’d like to help assemble the gift bags, please call Nancy Ogrod at 760-749-7023 or e-mail at n.ogrod@yahoo.com.



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Ag Day in California

By MARIE WALDRON,
75th Assembly District

This year California observed Ag Day on March 22; a day we celebrate our state’s unique contributions to the nation’s food supply. It’s also an opportunity for me to remind legislators from north of the Tehachapi Mountains that our region helps make California the country’s leading agricultural state.

Agriculture is a major contributor to our economy. According to the 2019 Crop Report, California’s agricultural output generated \$50 billion, with exports totaling \$21.7 billion. Top commodities for export included almonds, pistachios, walnuts, dairy and dairy products, and of course, wine.

Our local contributions to this bounty are huge. In Riverside County, more than 200,000 acres are devoted to agriculture, producing about 120 different commodities including vegetables, flowers, milk and eggs. Nursery stock, milk and table grapes are the top three producers, each valued at over \$100 million. Temecula Valley winegrowers are recognized around the nation. Don’t forget avocados, many grown in De Luz, just west of Temecula. Avocados rank 10th in total production value for Riverside County.

San Diego County’s agriculture, much of it centered in the 75th Assembly District, is extremely diverse, including nursery crops, citrus, avocados and our growing wine industry. According to the San Diego County Farm Bureau, our agricultural production ranks 19th out of over 3,000 counties nationwide. We’re first for nursery crops and avocados (producing 40% of California’s crop), second in acres of guavas, pomegranates, limes and macadamias, fifth in lemons, ninth in strawberries, tenth in egg laying hens. We also rank first nationally in part-time farmers and second in farms operated by women.

Since agriculture is so vital to our state and regional economies, I joined the Bipartisan Rural Caucus, a group of legislators working to achieve consensus on issues facing California’s rural/agricultural areas. Some asked why an Assemblywoman from Southern California wanted to join. Obviously, they didn’t know much about the 75th Assembly District!

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



10,000th vaccine dose given

The ten thousandth person to receive the vaccine at the Palomar Health COVID-19 Resource Clinic. This occurred on St. Patrick’s Day. She received a goody bag to commemorate the occasion. The patient’s name is Deegee Mehew. This was her second dose. The person giving the shot is CSU San Marcos nursing student Sarah Menyhay. Mehew said she is looking forward to reuniting with her grandchildren after a long year apart.

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Deadline for local article submission:

20th of the month for the next issue.

Photographs submitted for publication should be hi-resolution (300DPI), unmodified originals, jpeg format. We cannot accept photos taken from social media sites such as Facebook.

Send drafts to Patricia Fox at:
LocalEditor@HiddenMeadows.news

City to appeal County’s approval of recycling facility

The County of San Diego has been processing a land use application for a new recycling facility, just north of the City of Escondido. The project site is located west of Interstate 15 (I-15) along Mesa Rock Road.

Called “North County Environmental Resources,” it includes a 12,000-square-foot steel building, a 100,000- gallon water tank, and a recycling facility for wood, construction debris, and concrete and asphalt.

The project was recently approved and the City filed an appeal of that decision on February 16, 2021. The project’s environmental determination was appealed by the same four groups that appealed the County staff determination to the Planning Commission, which in addition to the City of Escondido, also includes the Twin Oaks Valley Community Sponsor Group, Hidden Meadows Community Sponsor Group, and Montreux Home Owners Association.

The city staff anticipates the appeals will be considered at a Board of Supervisors meeting within the next couple of months.

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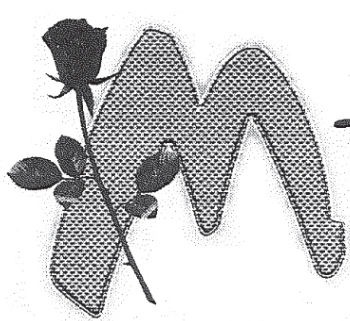
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SDG&E customers to receive bill credit

San Diego Gas & Electric’s (SDG&E) residential customers will receive a break on their utility bills in the coming months, thanks to the California Climate Credit program, which is part of the state’s efforts to fight climate change.

In April, natural gas customers will see their bill reduced by \$17.86. This summer, SDG&E electricity customers will also see their bills offset by \$34.60 in climate credits in both August and September (or a total of \$69.20), when energy use typically goes up due to hot weather.

The California Climate Credit is a state program that requires power plants, natural gas providers, and other large industries that emit greenhouse gases to buy carbon pollution permits. The credit on customers’ bills is their share of the payments from the state’s program and provides customers an increased opportunity to invest in energy-savings products.

There is no action required to receive the credit. All residential natural gas customers will automatically receive this credit from SDG&E on their April bill. All electricity customers, including community choice aggregation customers, will automatically receive the credit on their August and September billing cycles.

Additional Measures Adopted to Ease Summer Bills

In March, SDG&E successfully petitioned the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to eliminate the state-mandated High Usage Charge, which applies to those on standard tiered pricing plans.

Over the past year, SDG&E also won CPUC approval to lower summer pricing by moderating the seasonal pricing differential for customers on both Time-of-Use pricing plans and standard tiered pricing plans.

Anyone having trouble paying their utility bill due to COVID-19 is encouraged to contact SDG&E at 1-800-411-7343 for assistance with flexible payment arrangements. Learn more about payment assistance and discount programs at sdge.com/assistance.

Elizabeth Hospice hosts butterfly release ceremony on May 2

Everyone in the community is invited to attend Wings of Hope, hosted by The Elizabeth Hospice, on Sunday, May 2, from 1 to 3 pm. This free drive-through event will be held in the north parking lot of the California Center for the Arts, Escondido, located at 340 N. Escondido Blvd.

Attendees will have the opportunity to release a butterfly while honoring and celebrating the special people who have touched their lives in a beautiful way. Registration is required by April 23, online at www.elizabethhospice.org/wings or by calling 760-796-3708.

Attendees can stop by anytime between 1 and 3 p.m. In the comfort and safety of their car, adults and children will receive a butterfly with instructions for releasing it in an outdoor space, listen to live music, hear uplifting messages from the Elizabeth Hospice’s grief support team and enjoy sweet treats.

The Elizabeth Hospice, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit healthcare leader, has

been providing hospice care, palliative care and grief support services to children and adults in San Diego County and Southwest Riverside County since 1978. The organization’s highly trained grief counselors help children and adults understand their feelings and thoughts and guide them through the process of coping with the death of a loved one. Grief support services are available to everyone in the community, including those who do not have a patient affiliation with The Elizabeth Hospice. No one is ever turned away.

In support of the organization’s nonprofit mission, a donation of \$50 is suggested to reserve a Painted Lady Butterfly. A Monarch Butterfly can be reserved for \$75. Event sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, contact Tylie Daniels at Tylie.Daniels@ehospice.org or 760-796-3708. All donations benefit The Elizabeth Hospice’s vital services for children and adults impacted by serious illness, grief and loss.

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Super Crossword

DIRECTION FINDING

ACROSS

1 Use for target practice, say

8 They're littler than mediums

14 Mongol invaders

20 See 125-Across

21 Dine at a restaurant

22 Lucky charm

23 BB rifles

24 One going from station to station

26 Bohemian dance

28 Icicle sites

29 DVR giant

30 Oscar-nominated actress in "Victor/Victoria"

36 Censored-word sound

37 "I haven't —" ("Beats me")

38 Very old boys' school

39 Eye

40 Mother of Zeus

41 Rue Morgue creator

43 Grow up and move away from home

51 Getting the airborne matter from, perhaps

54 Sly

55 Art Deco lithographer

56 Kind of engine fuel

57 Opening opera part

58 — -Cherry (Ocean Spray flavor)

59 Hulk of pro wrestling

62 Flee with a flame

64 Residents of Japan's third-largest city

66 "Am — blame?"

67 Eight three-letter ones are found in appropriate places in this puzzle

72 Staff Sgt., e.g.

73 Small mosaic tile

75 Revved thing

76 Western flick

78 French "she"

79 Befuddles

82 City partition planners

85 — -buster (certain drug)

86 Track vehicle

87 One of 100 on the Hill

91 Hit song subtitled "To Be Loved by You"

94 — daily basis

95 High, elegant hairstyle

96 Voguish thing

97 Polaris, e.g.

99 Weirdo

100 Arizona tribe members

103 American slices, e.g.

109 Budget Rent —

110 "A Bell for —" (Hersey novel)

111 Japanese truck maker

112 1980s game show

116 Sir Walter Scott's title

121 River dividing Nebraska

122 Munchkin

123 Document repository

124 Placed in a farm tower

125 With 20-Across, epinephrine or cortisol

126 "Moby-Dick" narrator

DOWN

1 "— Na Na"

2 — polloi

3 Bruin Bobby

4 "Wow!," in a chat room

5 Fake locks

6 Bug

7 Edison rival

8 Reciprocal of cosine

9 — -jongg

10 — discount

11 Solitary sort

12 LEM part

13 Comic Martin

14 Itar- — news agency

15 — Darya (Asian river)

16 Sweater type

17 2004 Jude Law title role

18 Actor Christopher

19 Barber's leather band

25 Film director Wiseman

27 Heavily involved (in)

30 Hog product

31 Repeat

32 Plethora

33 Capital of Angola

34 Jackal's kin

35 Hex- ender

36 Flying stinger

39 Least bold

41 Pizzeria unit

42 Slip- — (pullovers)

44 Say yes to

45 Winery tank

46 Vanity

47 It fits into a mortise

48 Wandering

49 Plate position

50 Tightening muscle

52 Flinch

53 Paella pot

57 Lhasa — (little dogs)

59 Like e-devices

60 Verdi work

61 Inch along

63 Actor Haley Joel —

65 Hit — spot

68 Pontificated

69 Mother, in Mexicali

70 Be seepy

77 Promise

80 "True —" ("Indeedy")

81 Cato's 52

83 Flatbread of India

84 LAX abbr.

87 Former jets to the U.K.

88 Sword variety

89 Juice drinks

90 Booze up

92 Is no more

93 Expert finish?

98 Whispers in stage acting

99 Place to pray

100 Lock parts

101 Eyelike windows

102 Of pontiffs

103 iPod Touch, e.g.

104 Grates on

105 Initial stage

106 Flinch

107 Persian Gulf sheikdom

108 Old autocrats

110 Did like

113 Road no.

114 Be indebted

115 Domicile: Abbr.

117 Unit of resistance

118 Actress Vardalos

119 12/24, e.g.

120 — Aviv

Amaryllis

By Idalia Rewar

This past Christmas, I opened the door and, lo and behold, there was a package on the steps. From my niece Diana. What’s in it, can’t hardly wait. Opened the box, and voila! a plant.

What a great surprise – I’ve never had a plant for a gift. However, the plant was a pot with some dirt in it

and a little nodule sticking out from under the ground. Very not so hot, and boring. It came with instructions. It said it was an Amaryllis and how to take care of it.

I had never owned one and after reading the instructions, it seemed no big deal. Except I do not possess the magic “green thumb”, but a gift is a gift and I would give it a try. The poor thing did not know that it would never grow up from

babyhood and would soon leave this world without knowing about COVID. However, I do like challenges and proceeded with tending to my baby per the instructions.

Well, my baby decided to give birth (a la “Jane the Virgin”) and two healthy leaves starting sprouting up. I put it by a window in the dining area and every day I would turn it a bit so it would grow straight. I sent a photo to my niece showing how

our baby was developing.

It was kind of exciting getting up every day and see if it had grown or if it died. I just gave it water once a week and left it alone. New leaves came out and then in the middle, a stalk started to grow. Wow, would you believe that the stalk grew 18 inches in height with the most beautiful flowers you had ever seen - (6 flowers red and white).

AMARYLLIS / See Page 9



Connie Brumley, Susan Penacho, Linda Collins, Vicky Long, Michelle Zipse

Garden Party

By Michelle Zipse / Resident

Linda Collins, is the organizer of many of the social activities in our neighborhood and is the head of the Seller's Faire committee. One of her hobbies is gardening and she has a beautiful yard. Linda works all year to keep her 4+ acres beautifully tended to. Her knowledge of plants and garden-ing is extensive.

In perfect harmony with her skill set, Linda had a social garden party a few weeks back. Covid re-strictions limited the number of ladies that could be involved, and vaccinations freed our small group from masking. We spent a pleasant afternoon talking and enjoying the bounty of nature.

The views from her back yard are amazing.

We walked around the yard and discussed the different plants and gardening strategies she has implemented. To a newbie to Western flora and fauna and to gardening in general, Linda's knowledge of what to do with the various plants, flowers and shrubs has been invaluable.

If anyone is looking for succulents, Linda thins hers on a regular basis and offers them to the community. If interested, please reach out and I'll help you make that connection. A special thanks to Linda for all she does for the community.

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Spring Food Drive for Interfaith

By Nancy Ogrod/Resident

Please Mark your calendars NOW!!
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Golf Course – Clubhouse 10333 Meadow Glen Way East

It has been a long six months since the last food drive, but the need for non-perishable food has not decreased, unfortunately. Mr. Kim will again allow us to be in front of the Golf Clubhouse for the spring food drive. Please bring your non-perishable, unexpired, canned, bagged, or boxed food items or fresh fruits or vegetables to the clubhouse between the hours of 9:00 am and 2:00 pm on Saturday, April 17th. Like the fall food drive, you can stay in your car so we can practice social distancing and I will be wearing a mask; I will be happy to take your donation out of your back seat or trunk.

Your generosity in the past has helped many families by filling Interfaith's cupboards. Please, help again. Some food

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If you would like to help, or if you are unable to deliver your donations to the drop site, please con-tact Nancy Ogrod by calling at 760-749-7023 or e-mail at n.ogrod@yahoo.com before April 16th.

Flawless Cuisine update

By Michelle Zipse / Resident

Flawless Cuisines restaurant at the Boulder Oaks Clubhouse in our neighborhood is extending their hours to 8:30 pm. Now the neighborhood can take advantage of the wonderful food at the restaurant. There hasn't been anything that I haven't liked from this great new restaurant at the golf club. The Chicken Lasagna is fantastic. The flatbreads are also very good, as is the wedge salad and fish or chicken tacos. The cuisine is really top notch.

Chef Lauren Lawless has done a good job trying to create special events. For Super Bowl, they projected the game on the big screen and had tasty snack foods. For Valentine's Day, they had a 3 or 5 course fixed price menu with live harp music. St Patrick's Day at the club had special Irish favorites like corned beef and Shepherd's pie. The Shepherd's pie is a staple on the regular menu. All the food is delicious.

Lauren will be starting a tapas restaurant at Jacked Up Brewery in Escondido. This celebrity chef will continue to add to her repertoire of events and venues as she expands.

Please come out and support Flawless. The regular staff at the club are starting to feel like members of the family. It's so nice to have a local restaurant of this quality available to us in Hidden Meadows.

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Ladies Club Brunch

From left to right: friend of Kerry Finnegan, (Kerry is taking the pic), Lynn Wheeler, Beth Klein, Dawn Fuller, Linda Collins and Michelle Zipse.

By Michelle Zipse / Resident
The Hidden Meadows Ladies Group are meeting in small groups to enjoy brunch at the Boulder Oaks clubhouse. The food is so good. Brunch favorites like the Cali Crab cake Benedict are del-ish! Others favorites includes the chicken N Waffles with brown Butter maple syrup and berry compote, peaches N cream pancakes, ricotta lemon and blueberry pancakes, Bagel and Lox, breakfast bruschetta, PG&J french toast, biscuits N gravy and the Flawless Slam.
There are so many great options. Come hungry. The portions are generous and will leave you full for the day. What a great way to pass a brunch on Saturday or Sunday: visiting with your friends and neighbors, and with all of us vaccinated, we could be socially

responsible and unmasked, while enjoying the views of the golf course and filling our tummies with yumminess. We are now able to eat inside the clubhouse.
Flawless Cuisine has increased their hours to 8:30 pm. They are open every day except Monday. This is a favorite spot for the HM Ladies group. Come on down. There are so many things to enjoy about living in Hidden Meadows.

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Veterans Stand Down needs community’s help

The 5th annual North County Veterans Stand Down is happening April 15-18, according to President and Chairman Matt Foster. “We need the community’s help to make it happen.”

Some things that will be different in the year of COVID:

- The VA Medical Center is issuing 300 Johnson and Johnson one-shot vaccines to the first 300 Veterans who sign up on THE website to attend the event.
- Organizers are looking for local dentists to help the veterans. “We can drive

our veterans to their offices that weekend or any following weekend,” said Foster. “Please help us!”

Sign up by clicking the Volunteer button at <https://www.ncstanddown.org/>

The sprawling 140 acre Green Oak Ranch will once more be the venue for this event.

The Stand Down will feature the same activities and services that it has in the past. Last year it served 579 veterans with 334 volunteers. The vets received clean clothing, the free service of doctors,

optometrists and dentists. They had hot showers every day.

Green Oak Ranch provides breakfast and dinner. “We provide lunch,” said Foster. “This year lunch will be provided by the Vista Elks.”

Of the veterans who attended last year, Foster estimates “at least half are homeless.” He added, “some are couch surfing.”

If they want to know what happens at the event, check out this video from last year: <https://vimeo.com/411299098/2c23e0118e>

AMARYLLIS / From Page 5

The flowers did not go from bud to blossom in one spritely burst. It was a slow process and that’s where all the magic unfolds in the making of the flower before your eyes. How awesome is na-ture. I took some photos – send them to my niece, told her our baby grew to have multiple beautiful gorgeous flowers.

However, after admiring it for a week or so, I noticed this morning that one of the flowers started wilting. Oh, no..... she’s leaving me... slowly. Boo hoo...How sad. However, there’s a rebirth with the Amaryllis plant. Following the instructions, it will again start the cycle and I will again enjoy the rebirth of this lovely plant.

It’s too bad we can’t rebirth like the Amaryllis. Though I’ve read some people are freezing their bodies hoping for a rebirth like the Amaryllis. Who knows, they might come around like this potted plant. If you are interested in the Amaryllis plant – go to Google and you will find all the information you need to grow an Amaryllis – it is worth it.

P.S. My niece came to visit and had a chance to see our baby in all its splendor! Thank you Diana, one of a kind - great gift!

DBA to hold Spring Small Business Shopping Spree & Giveaway April 10

On Saturday, April 10 the Downtown Business Association will put on a “Spring Small Business Shopping Spree & Giveaway.”

This is a one-day event offering shoppers a free gift with purchase from participating downtown merchants. Here’s how it works:

With a purchase, the customer may choose a flower (plastic flowers will be provided by the DBA). Each flower will contain a coupon valid for a free gift from another participating merchant. Customers must come to your business to redeem your coupons and must redeem them no later than April 17. So shoppers are encouraged to visit another business downtown for a free gift.

The DBA will supply the flowers, coupons, display basket, flyers and signage.

The list of participating businesses including store hours will be posted at www.downtownescondido.com/shop-downtown

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Hidden Meadows Community Resources

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 Steve Kerrin at 760-807-1141.

Homeowners Associations

The Meadows Homes Association (MHA)	760-749-7278
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Hidden Meadows Ranch Homeowners Association	760-407-7575
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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 Chairman Jim Chagala, at 760 751-2691 for more information.

Hidden Meadows Neighborhood Watch

Due to an increase in crimes in our community, we’re reactivating the Hidden Meadows Neighborhood watch organization. in cooperation with the San Diego Sheriff’s department. We encourage all of our neighbors to look out for each other and report all crimes to the Sheriff’s department, no matter how minor, as well as any suspicious activity that they observe.

Please join our facebook group: Hidden Meadows Neighborhood Watch. We’ll share neighborhood information, safety tips, and news of future events.

Contact Info: Erik Tyler 442-235-9060 erikdtyler@gmail.com

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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The rescue trailer is loaded with the rescue hounds from states like Kentucky and Tennessee and then driven to California for delivery to rescue organizations.

Operation Helping Hounds

Local rescue group needs more volunteers

By DAVID ROSS

What happens to a faithful hunting dog that serves his master well? Sometimes he is rewarded with abandonment, or even death. That’s hardly the fate that “Man’s best friend” deserves.

Marie-Louise Guernsey, founder of Operation Helping Hounds (OHH), is a dog lover who learned of a need and started a nonprofit to do the work.

Guernsey, a Valley Center resident who speaks with a lilting Irish accent, described how she started helping hounds in 2016 and her organization became a nonprofit in 2018.

Around the middle of March they rescued 58 dogs in one haul, a huge success. “One of the shelters we helped is the fourth worst community for animals in the U.S. according to the Bissell Foundation,” she said.

She started to do the work after she learned that hounds in certain states—especially in “hunting” states—are often treated very badly. “At the end of the shooting season they shoot some of them in the heads,” Guernsey said. “I just know that a percentage of them are dumped in a shelter that only take eight dogs. The hunters either shoot them in the head or abandon them in the forest. There are multiple victims in these states—which each have different hunting seasons. The shelter can’t handle them, so they get euthanized as fast as pit bulls.”

That’s not to say that most hunters treat their animals this way. An article in Carolina Tails, a technician at the Charleston Animal Society described the situation: “There is a standard of care that should apply to all animals,” she says. “It is sad when they treat these dogs as ‘tools’ they can throw away, instead of treating them like family members.” The article continued, “[the technician] says hunting is not the problem, it’s a group of the hunters that don’t treat their dogs well. ‘There are many good [dog] hunters out there, we just don’t see their dogs because those animals are taken care of.’”

In an article that appeared in Holiday Barn, an official at the Richmond SPCA

commented, “There has not been any marked decrease in the abandonment of hunting dogs, and in fact, I feel confident saying... that we care for more hound types than any other category of dog.”

In an academic paper for Germanna Community College called “Hunting a Home: The Abandonment and Neglect of Hunting Dogs,” the writer observed, “The causes of maltreatment of hunting dogs appear to stem from financial considerations, but only in part. When considering the abandonment and euthanasia of hunting dogs at the conclusion of the season, the consensus is that these acts are committed to avoid having to feed the dogs during the off-season.”

The consensus appears that the great majority of hunters do not behave in this manner, but a fringe of hunters who view hunting dogs as “tools” do treat their dogs inhumanely.

The term “hound” refers to a number of breeds including the coon hound, beagle, blood hound, blue tick, Red bone and black and tan.

Guernsey’s first “rescue was a dog called Matilda who was in a shelter in Tennessee, “which is a high kill state for hounds,” she said. A hound that ended up being her husband’s dog came from Kentucky. She decided to rescue Matilda in her husband’s honor. “I found a rescue in Mississippi that said if I could get it to them, they would store it until I could get the dog to California.”

Guernsey, who dropped by the newspaper office with two of her volunteers, Darrell Brown and Gary Jackson, described the process for saving just one dog. “This is really hard!” she had said to herself. “We just saved one dog but it took forever and took a lot of work and a lot of people.”

She kept hearing about other dogs that needed rescuing, and decided she couldn’t move them fast enough. So she started a network and worked with Priceless Pets and with a beagle rescue in California.”

She asked for Priceless Pets’s help, which had a big trailer that was adapted to house lots of dogs. “I said that if they

would go to Kentucky, where there are lots of dogs and bring them to California for adoption and that I’d try to raise the money. They said they would!”

They did and filled their trailer with 37 adult dogs. “In 2018, they went to a rescue in Tennessee and filled the trailer with sixty-seven dogs” she recalled. She started to look into paid transporters, bartering with them to move dogs to California. “Where I could, I would get a donor to pay for the transportation,” she said. “I started to work with a lady in Oklahoma who transported a ton of dogs to California for me.”

The COVID-19 struck, and the woman she was working through got stuck in place just as they were getting ready to move a lot of dogs. “That’s when Gary stepped in. Priceless Pets was asking for a driver and Gary stepped in.”

Jackson was a firefighter for 30 years who retired in 2002. He has a friend who involved with Priceless Pets, and Jackson asked how someone would get involved in transporting the rescues. Priceless Pets had a trailer and Jackson took the trailer and went to Oklahoma and back with the trailer filled with hounds.

Julie Nesselth is another volunteer Guernsey relies on. “She is the one that volunteered to drive to Oklahoma to get the dogs for me when I posted on Facebook looking for help. She’s my main contact of the two of them,” she said.

Jackson has done four trips. Darrell Brown and Julie Nesselth have done two. “Three times I have been approached by local police officers when they noticed what I was doing and they came by to say ‘Thank you!’” said Jackson.

Everywhere they go police are very supportive, said Guernsey. Occasionally people who approve of their work have bought them gas when they stopped to fuel. “We do everything by USDA rules and have health certificates for the dogs,” she said.

Most of the rescues they bring to California, Washington, Nevada and Arizona, but the hounds always go to California.

Donations are rare, said Guernsey. “We don’t usually get donations, Priceless Pets is willing to pay the bill, but what I need to cover is the gasoline, and the pre-transport vetting. The rescue does the microchipping, and all the medical. OHH, would like to pay for relocation costs. Everyone wants the dogs to show up on their doorstep!” She added, “People contact me and think I can relocate their dogs, but that’s not how it works.”

Since Guernsey started the nonprofit they have assisted about 800 dogs, an

average of 40 to 50 every month.

Darrell Brown and Julie Nesselth and Gary Jackson and his friend Ray, a total of about four volunteers and 20-30 partners, handle the great majority of the driving.

Guernsey stays in California coordinating. “I find the dogs, raise the money to move them, negotiate with the shelters and I let the rescues know when the drivers are going to show up. We do all the logistics, which is a nightmare!”

Jackson chimed in, “Sometimes, I have no clue where I’m going and when I’m going to get there!”

Guernsey added, “When you call shelters, they say ‘Who the hell are you?’ But then I give them all the paperwork they need, so they know I’m legit. I fill out all the paperwork for the rescues—and word travels.”

She could use some help. “I would like adopters,” she said. “More people to adopt the dogs.”

We haven’t had that much of a problem but I want more. They have to drive to Chino Hills to get them, though. These are nice dogs. We need donations. We need donations for hound hauls, relocation costs, etc.”

She is also trying to raise money for a hauling truck. “Darrell and Julie and Gary are using their own trucks and putting miles on their trucks,” she said. “We would like to get our own truck so people can use it to draw the trailer, and eventually get our own trailer.”

Anticipated costs for the trailer is about \$65,000 and \$45,000 for a truck that doesn’t have high mileage. “We want to get as many dogs as possible. We want the dogs safe.”

They are also looking for a company to help them make some OHH T-shirts to sell as a fundraiser or for volunteers to wear when they are volunteering.

“We need some more volunteer drivers and co-drivers to do the hauls. That’s a huge bottleneck because of the time commitment,” said Guernsey. It is a four to five day time commitment.

She would also like a volunteer or two to help with online fundraising to write letters to get sponsorships and donations. You can make donations with your purchases on Amazon by using Amazon Smiles. There is also information on OHH’s Facebook page.

Simply put, “I really need help. I’m not effective if I’m trying to do it all myself,” said Guernsey.

Jackson, who was interviewed before the March trip, described how it would go.



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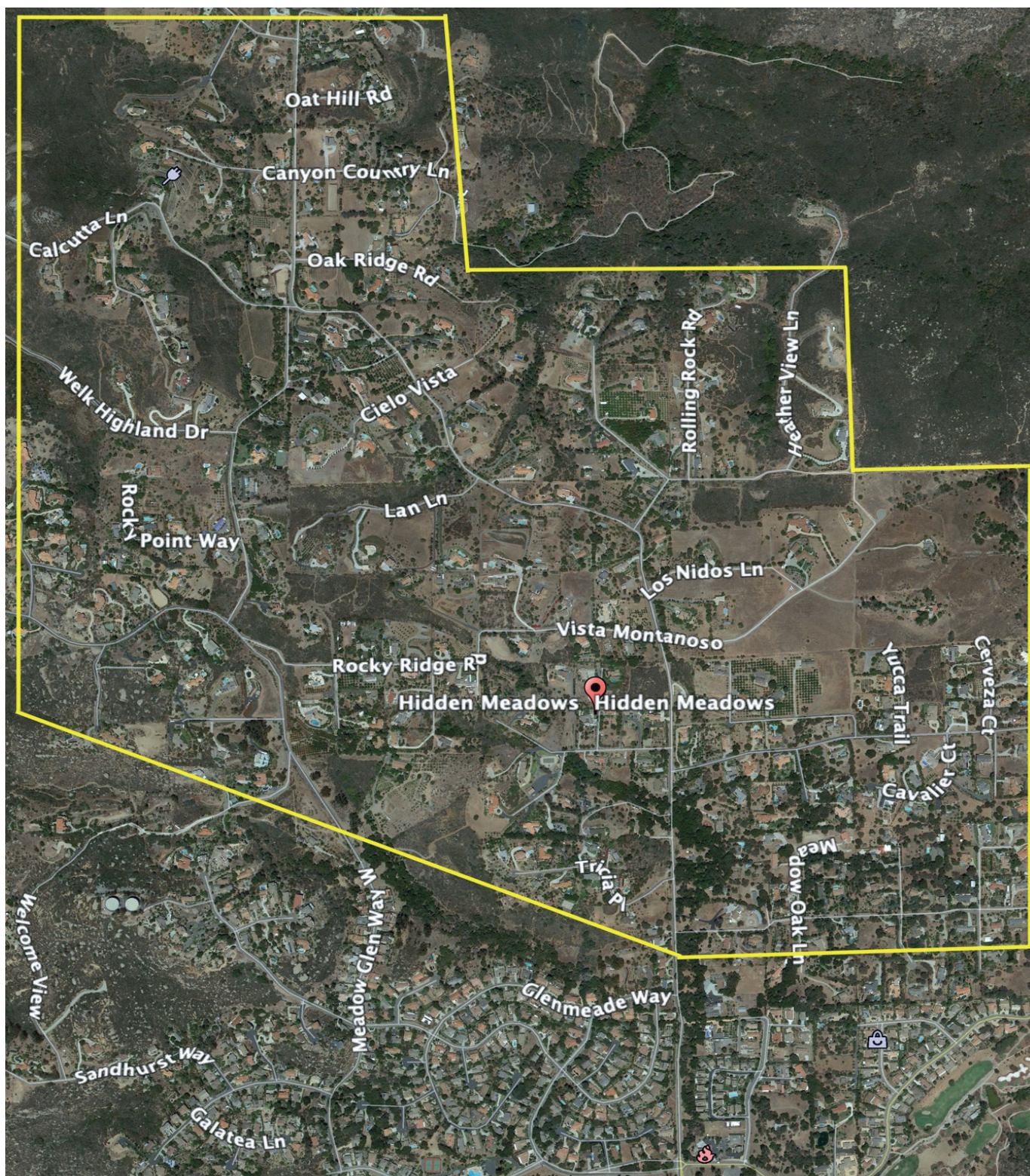
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“I will pick up the trailer and I will take my time getting there. I’ll have a copilot, and otherwise do it alone. I will go to Tulsa, where the truck will go to Tennessee, to Kentucky, back to Tulsa, and what room they have left, Tulsa will load the trailer and I will make a straight shot back to Chino hills with about forty dogs.” This last run they decided to go to Kentucky because the hunting season had just ended.

“The Bissel foundation told us about a shelter in Arkansas. We are stopping there to help the shelter and we will put as many hounds as possible. I’m foreseeing a full trailer.”

Hounds make “fabulous pets,” said Guernsey. “They are good natured and

always smiling. They are great with kids and other dogs. In the eighty hundred we moved two didn’t like other dogs. They are good for active families. They also like to be on the couch and the bed. I would equate them with a lab.”

Jackson added, “I haven’t met a hound that has been aggressive.”

Like all dogs, of course, they have their challenges. “You really need a six foot wired fence because they jump high,” said Guernsey. “They are sniffers and will be digging trying to get the gophers. They love to try to chase coyotes and love the mail man and trash man. They are just like a regular dog. They are nosey and they are foodies, and will jump on the counter.”

On the positive side, “Beagles are very trainable because they are used for drug

sniffing. One of the hounds was trained for drugs. Hounds can be trained for dead bodies. I have never trained a hound but I would think they are highly trainable,” she said.

She added, “I think hounds are very intuitive. Someday—I can’t afford it right now—I’d like to team up with someone to train them for veterans with PTSD.”

Darrell Brown and Julie Nesseth did a trip to Oklahoma when it (and Texas) were shut down from the storm. “They went and did that trip and brought back a bunch of dogs. I’m really grateful for these two.”

“It’s a labor of love,” said Brown.

They would like to expand their rescues to the Carolinas. “That is crying out for help, but they are too far away,” said Guernsey, who said that with more volun-

teer drivers they might be able to expand in that direction.

Please note that Operation Helping Hounds is a VC-based organization. Local residents who serve on the board of directors include veterinarian Deb Hofler (vice president) Patty Lemond and former longtime VC resident Lori Lallo.

“One volunteer I did not mention but who is crucial to our Kentucky hound transports, is Cindy Smith, who helps organize the trips, eight dogs at a time.”

Rescue partners include Third Coast Animal Rescue out of Alabama and Helpless Hounds Dog Rescue out of Tulsa.

To find out more visit:
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