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Happy Thanksgiving

Kiwanis Parade Grand Marshal Pastor Gary Musser

Kiwanis Club of Greater Jamul had another wonderful Fall Parade (see pictures on Page 16 and 17).

Shown right, the Grand Marshal of the 2019 parade, Pastor Gary Musser along with his wife Esther and their grandchildren.

The Mussers have been an important part of our community for over 30 years through their ministry with the Jamul Community Church and the many community activities.

Congratulations to Pastor Gary and Esther Musser.



"Starry Night" Fundraiser A Great Success

By Nadine Bennett

The Friends of Jamul Dulzura Schools Foundation wishes to thank the many generous sponsors, donors and guests who made our fundraiser"Starry Night" at Donna Hendrix's Hillside Ranch Vineyard such a huge success.

Guests enjoyed the incredible ambience, extraordinary wines, delicious food and lively entertainment.

The funds raised from this year's event will support a new after school program by the YMCA for Oak Grove Middle School and the Junior Achievement program. We could not have done this without all your help and support.

If you missed this year's event, but you would

still like to make a tax deductible donation to benefit our schools, you may send your donation to the Friends of Jamul Dulzura Schools at P O Box 909, Jamul, CA 91935.

Cottonwood Sand Mine

NOTICE

A public scoping meeting will be held at the Hillsdale Middle School at 1301 Brabham St. in Rancho San Diego on Monday, November 4, 2019 at 6 PM. The Sand Mine is seeking approval for sand mining operation on 251 acres, an approximately 280 acre property that has been and is currently known as Cottonwood Golf Club. MEETING IS BEING HELD TO SOLICIT COMMUNITY COMMENTS.

Community News

Continuing our series of introductions to our

Jamul Dulzura Community PlanningGroup Members Jamul Community Planning Group Featuring Streeter Parker, Member

By Eve Nasby, Jamul Dulzura Planning Group Member

Not only does he have a great name, he has a great depth of experience here in Jamul. Our next featured Jamul Dulzura Community Planning group member, Streeter Parker, has been a resident of Jamul since 1995. Streeter, Irish for "Road Builder", was the developer responsible for Peaceful Valley Ranch. Soft spoken and thoughtful, Streeter has a sense of humility and quiet confidence that is engaging.

He says he loves Jamul as it reminds him of Wyoming, where he grew up riding horses and mending ranch fences. He also enjoys the glorious sunsets from his hill top view.

Streeter believes that his experience developing in Jamul has been a significant asset to the Jamul Dulzura Community Planning Group because he gained a deeper appreciation of working with the group from the applicant's perspective.

He notes that "The JDCPG did hold me to all standards while at the same time assisted me in avoiding significant setbacks in time and planning costs." How so? He said, "The assignment of subcommittees for different aspects, (fire, trails, traffic, Etc.) prepared me for these important issues at the County."

We asked him why he enjoys being a part of the group. Streeter said, "The JDCPG is here to serve the community in safeguarding the rural nature of Jamul and to provide landowners with valuable feedback to avoid serious and costly problems down the road."

Streeter, we couldn't agree more! Thank you for your passionate support of this community. And speaking of passion.....did you, reader, know that we have seats available today with your name on it? Do you love this community? Do you care about the traffic? Do you want to have an influence on the types of developments Jamul and Dulzura will see now and in the future? Connect with us by sending an email to Janet Mulder at <u>jmulder02@gmail.com</u> Lastly, from all of us at your Jamul Dulzura Community Planning group, we wish you and yours a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Calendar

2nd & 4th Tuesday 7:30 pm Jamul/Dulzura Planning Group, OGMS 4th Thursday - Kiwanis at Jamul Community Church 6:30 pm Dinner. (Kiwanis meets once a month)

NOVEMBER 4, 6 PM SAND MINE PUBLIC MEETING (see Pg 1)

November 6 & 7 Steele Canyon High School Dance & Choir Academy Presents Soul Full (see Pg 5)

November 15 Shopper Deadline. Call Tammy 619 669-1109

Third Tuesday - Jamul Dulzura School Board Meets,6:30 JIS Library *Every Monday* - Wil-Mat Project meeting Fillipi's 6 pm - 8:30 pm. Linda Wikstrom,

619-204-4890. *November 9*, Skyline Swap, 8-1 Skyline Church Gymnasium *November 28* - Happy Thanksgiving Future:

December 13-15, 20-22 4:30-8pm Noah Homes The Enchanted Village, 12526 Campo Rd, Spring Valley

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Deerhorn Fire Station 2nd Thur.* 9:45 am-11:30 am Dulzura Minimart 2nd Thursday* 12 N - 1:30 pm Dulzura Community Center 1st Thur.* 12N -1:30 pm Barrett Lake Trailer Park 1st Thur.* 10:30 am - 11:30 am Jamul Hardware Store 1st & 2nd Thursday 2:30 - 5:30 pm *Excluding Holidays, Info: call 660-6329



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DEERHORN VALLEY ANTLER

Kim Hamilton

MISSING "MOOSE": A STORY OF LOST, FOUND & NEVER GIVING UP

October 28, 2019 Please, please, please... Our big 71 lb. puppy ran off today. He's all love and non-threatening whatsoever, and I want him back home...We lost him near a small town named Dulzura off of Campo Rd... he's the best, sweetest pup any family could ever ask for... When the dog came limping into Thousand Trails Pio Pico Campground, he was thin, hungry, and his leash was still connected. His collar read MOOSE.

"We knew he belonged to someone who loved him very much," said Park Ranger Lili Jain. "Everyone fell in love with him... Whenever he heard cars or trucks he would cry, thinking it was his family coming to get him..."

Recreation Ranger Annie checked his paw, and then took him into Jamul to have a vet check for

Dog Found at Pio Pico Resort. Found last night around 6pm, Has a Imp -

front right paw. Very friendly, He was found with his collar and leash on. Has a tag with his Name & Address - no microchip (he was taken to vet &

scanned for one). They are keeping him at the guard shack until

a microchip. None found. A campground visitor posted his picture and story on several local Facebook pages, including Jamul Community & Classifieds [below] where DV'er Rebecca Lester read it.

omorrow. . His name is MOOSE.

619-421-0104 Guard Shack at Pio Pico

Rebecca remembered a LOST DOG notice she'd seen earlier, and posted. Others commented they'd seen flyers in and around Dulzura. Friends were called and a phone number located. Bingo! A few hours later a very happy Moose was reunited with his family.

I contacted Moose's mom. Her name is Erin

DeMaar. She and her husband Taylor live in Point Loma with their family. She wrote back right away with more of Moose's adventure story— and a big thanks to our backcountry communities.

"We adopted Moose exactly one year ago on October 5th and we lost him on September 28th.

"My husband, Taylor, loves to off road in our Jeep with his buddies, and on this occasion he took Moose. Moose was doing really good all day, coming back whenever



Erin & Taylor DeMaar... ... and one very happy MOOSE

car and some of our dirty laundry hoping the scent would travel called and staying close by Taylor. But during one particularly

tough spot, he was paying more attention to getting the jeeps through the road than to where Moose was.

"Once everyone had passed through Taylor hopped back in our Jeep and started calling for Moose—but he was no where to be seen. Taylor and his buddies looked for Moose the rest of the day but found no sign of him. We think Moose got wind of a scent or something enticing because he had ALWAYS come back when called.

"Once nightfall hit Taylor headed back to our home here in Point Loma, picked me up and then under Babs Fry's* direction we spent the night out on the hill where Moose was last seen. We waited there all night with a roast chicken on top of our car and some of our dirty laundry hoping the scent would travel to wherever Moose was and he would come back. The next day he still

wasn't found and we then spent the rest of the day in Dulzura speaking with the locals, putting up LOST DOG signs we made at the nearby Staples, and setting up our online ads telling everyone who we were and where we lost Moose. We got tons and tons of people who looked out for him and kept us updated. It was so incredible the amount of kindness we experienced from complete strangers while we were trying to find our pup. (Next column.) MOOSE (continued) "Then we got the call from Pio Pico. She said Moose had wandered into their neighborhood and they had been feeding him and tending to him. It truly touched my heart that people showed my pup so much love. They even took him to the vet to check if he had a chip (which he doesn't but that's changing today!!!) and had their vet look him over to see if he was okay.

"She had scoured through online ads looking for the owners of Moose and she found us! We got the phone call that night around midnight and she was even willing to hold on to him for another day, but my husband and I jumped in our car and came right away. So Moose is back home now, full of energy and love as usual. We're so grateful for everyone who has helped us get him back."

*Babs Fry is a local expert on lost animals whose services are free. She has been featured on The Today Show and in many news articles in the San Diego Union. Babs can be contacted at 619 249-2221

SAYING GOODBYE TO PETER KOOP ~ REST IN PEACE

I first met Pete Koop when he was serving as one of the earliest presidents of our DV Community Association. This was back in the 1990's, during the time the Fire Station-Community Center was being constructed. DVCA was raising funds for its completion and all our



Peter and Karen Koop

community groups and families had joined the building effort. Pete was the first person who approached us (as newer residents) for a donation. He got one, too.

Like everyone, I liked Pete at first sight. He was a large, huggable man— willing and able to take on the leadership with his inborn good nature. Pete certainly left his mark on Deerhorn Valley and the DVCA and will be sorely missed. Some years later his wife, Karen, took leadership of the DVCA as it began a new chapter with community events and get-togethers. Pete and Karen were a great team.

When their house went up for sale we knew the Koops were leaving. Pete and Karen were headed for Tennessee to start a new chapter in their lives. Karen will now be heading out alone, but with the support of friends and family and the spirit of Pete alongside.

Pete retired from Honeywell in 2012. He worked on the Mexican side of the border, and he and Karen regularly vacationed in Mexico. After his retirement Pete had more time to enjoy golf and work on his vintage Volvos in his well-equipped workshop. (I actually don't remember the Volvos, but I did fall in love with a vintage Mustang that was there for a time.)

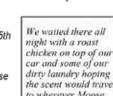
He and Karen were a great team— their garden was part of the first Ranch & Garden Tour the DVCA hosted. Pete did most of the building and hard labor, and Karen worked her magic growing delectable and gournet produce. Their gardens were overlooked by the chickens' quarters, appropriately called *The Koops*.

Pete was always working around the property or lending a helping hand to others. Family time was special for him. I'm told Pete kept his crazy sense of humor right to the end, even ribbing the Hospice nurse about a delay in his pain meds. "What took you so long...Were you out crushing the poppies?" Stated, as always, with Pete's good humor.

He coached and managed soccer and Little League teams while daughter, Hillary, and son, Jonathan were active. He was part of YMCA Indian Guide meetings and campouts, and though I never saw him in formal IG dress, I believe those who said he was "a dead ringer for Geronimo" in that classic photograph.

Our hearts go out to the Koop Family. Services were held in the Los Angeles area to make it easiest for the family to assemble together. We wish all the Koop Family strength and healing as they move forward. What a legacy Peter has left for them. And all of us.

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Commentary

Thanksgiving Greeting from archives of Eric Grant -Take it for Granted November 2013 Thanksgiving, I

HAPPY THANKSGIVING -

We do have so much to be thankful for. Our good health, our families, our great community of Jamul and the privilege of living in the greatest country in the world.

Every year since 1789 when President George Washington declared Thursday, November 26 th to be the first Thanksgiving we have cited the story of the pilgrims and their first thanksgiving with the Indians.

The following are excerpts from President Washington's resolution to the Congress.

"Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor - and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me "to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by afford-

ing them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness."He further states,

"And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions - to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually - - to render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed - - to protect and guide all Sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shewn kindness onto us) and generally to grant unto all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best."

The Pilgrims story.

I remember as a kid being in the school assembly, making pilgrim hats and Indian feathers, and all of us portraying the first Thanksgiving. I remember my kids doing the same thing. In fact, I remember seeing in the Jamul Shopper a couple of years ago pictures of children in our school with their presentation. *And it is good.*

But, then reading stories about the hardships the pilgrims had when they first decided to come to a new world to practice their freedom of religion and to build a new free life, it is not so simplistic. Their survival in the "new world" was extremely difficult and the hardships



were almost impossible to overcome.

In researching for this Thanksgiving column I came upon a chapter in Rush Limbaugh's book which discusses the first few years of the pilgrims in the "new world" and the significance of the first Thanksgiving to the development of this great country. The following are excerpts from Mr. Limbaugh's analysis.

"On August 1, 1620, the Mayflower set sail. It carried a total of 102 passengers, including forty Pilgrims let by William Bradford. On the journey, Bradford set up an agreement, a contract, that established just and equal laws for all members of the new community, irrespective of their religious beliefs.

Where did the revolutionary ideas expressed in the Mayflower Compact come from? From the Bible. The Pilgrims were a people completely steeped in the lessons of the Old and New Testaments. They looked at the ancient Israelites for their example. And, because of the biblical precedents set forth in Scripture, they never doubted that their experiment would work.

But, this was no pleasure cruise, friends. The journey to the New World was a long and arduous one. And when the Pilgrims landed in New England in November, they found, according to Bradford's detailed journal, 'a cold barren, desolate wilderness, There were no friends to greet them,' he wrote. 'There were no houses to shelter them. There were no inns where they could refresh themselves.'

> And the sacrifice they had made for freedom was just beginning.

During the first winter, half the Pilgrims - including Bradford's own wife - died of either starvation, sickness or exposure.

'When spring finally came, Indians taught the settlers how to plant corn, fish for cod and skin beavers for coats.' Yes, it was Indians that taught the white man how to skin beasts. 'Life improved for the Pilgrims, but they did not yet prosper!' This is important to understand because this is

where modern American history lessons often end. Thanksgiving is actually explained in some textbooks as a holiday for which the Pilgrims gave thanks to the Indians for saving their lives, rather than as a devout expression of gratitude grounded in the tradition of both the Old and New Testaments.

Here is the part of Thanksgiving that has been omitted: The original contract the Pilgrims had entered into with their merchant-sponsors in London called for everything they produced to go into a common store, and each member of the community was entitled to one common share.

All of the land they cleared and the houses they built belong to the community as well. They were going to distribute it equally. Nobody owned anything. They just had a share in it. It was a commune, folks. It was the forerunner to the communes we saw in the '60s and '70s out in California - and it was complete with organic vegetables,

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Thanksgiving cont. from Pg 4

Bradford, who had become the new governor of the colony, recognized that this form of collectivism was as costly and destructive to the Pilgrims as that first harsh winter, which had taken so many lives.

He decided to take bold action. Bradford assigned a plot of land to each family to work and manage, thus turning loose the power of the marketplace.

That's right. The Pilgrims had discovered and experimented with what could only be described as socialism. And what happened? It didn't work!

What Bradford and his community found was that the most creative and industrious people had no incentive to work any harder than anyone else, unless they could utilize the power of personal motivation.

But, while most of the rest of the world has been experimenting with socialism for well over a hundred years - trying to refine it, perfect it, and re-invent it - the Pilgrims decided early on to scrap it permanently.

Commentary

What Bradford wrote about this social experiment should be in every schoolchild's history lesson. If it were, we might prevent much needless suffering in the future.

'The experience that we had in this common course and condition, tried sundry years ... That by taking away property, and bringing community into a common wealth, would make them happy and flourishing - as if they were wiser than God,' Bradford wrote, 'for this community was found to breed much confusion and discontent, and retard much employment that would have been to their benefit and comfort. For young men that were most able and fit for labor and service did repine that they should spend their time and strength to work for other men's wives and children without any recompense...That was thought injustice'. He stated.

"Why should you work for other people when you can't work for yourself? What's the point?" The Pilgrims found that best work without incentive. So what did Bradford's community try next? They unharnessed the power of good old free enterprise by involving the undergirding capitalistic principle of private property. Every family was assigned its own plot of land to work and permitted to market its own crops and products. And what was the result? 'This had very good success', wrote Bradford, 'for it made all hands industrious, so as much more corn was planted than otherwise would have been.'

In no time, the Pilgrims found they had more food than they could eat themselves... 'They set up trading posts and exchanged goods with the Indians. The profits allowed them to pay off their debts to the merchants in London.'

So, as the first pilgrims and their friends the Indians gave thanks for their plenty, let us give thanks for the foresight those first pilgrims had in helping to develop our system of life here in America.

God Bless America Happy Thanksgiving.





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DIANNE'S Desk

News & Notes from County Supervisor Dianne Jacob

Affordable Housing: The County is now offering free, pre-approved floor plans for granny flats and other accessory homes. The incentive program is expected to save property owners and others in the county's unincorporated area about \$15,000 per house. That figure comes on top of another 415,000 builders have been saving since we began waiving permit and development fees for accessory homes early this year. At a time when so many people are looking for quality, affordable housing, we're removing some of the red tape that can get in the way. For more information got http://sandiegocounty.gov/ADU. You can also call 858-495-5382 or go to email PDS.ADUquestions@sdcounty. ca.gov.

Health Crisis: The Board of Supervisors recently voted to ban the sale of flavored tobacco products and impose a 1-year moratorium on the sale of e-cigarettes devices while their risks are full assessed. With the recent sharp rise in deaths and illnesses tied to vaping nationwide, it's critical we do all we can to lower the risks to San Diegans while health officials continue to investigate. The ban will not apply to flavored tobacco made for hookahs.

Huge win for ratepayers: The County is moving to establish a community choice energy program in the unincorporated area, and we will continue to talk with other local governments about a possible joint choice initiative. A recent study done for the county estimates the program will save 179,000 residential and business ratepayers \$12 million a year. Ratepayers will finally have an alternative to what have been some of the highest utility rates in the nation. They'll have freedom of choice!

For more District 2 news, go to www. diannejacob.com or follow me on Facebook and Twitter. If I can assist with a county issue, please call my office at 619-531-5522 or email dianne.jacob@sdcounty.ca.gov.

Have a great East County Day! Dianne

Community News



Dulzura Community Center 1136 Community Bldg. Rd.

NOVEMBER

- Sat. 9th Pancake Breakfast and Yard Sale-CANCELLED
- Fri. 15th Fire Safe Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- Sat. 18th Building Cleanup. Volunteers needed and appreciated 9am-12N

DECEMBER

Sat. 14th COMMUNITY MEETING 5 PM POTLUCK DINNER

Main Course provided - bring a side to share

Fri. 20th Fire Safe Council Meeting 6:30 pm

Sat. 21st Building Clean/up Volunteers needed and appreciated 9am-12N Sat. 21st CHRISTMAS PARTY 4 - 6 PM FAMILY FRIENDLY



SNACKS GAMES CRAFTS



1 hr. Yoga Class 6:30 pm Wednesday Senior Lunch Thurs. RSVP (619)468-3436 Quilting/Sewng Grp Every Fri. 10am-3pm

Churches

Jamul Community Church, 14058 Jamul Dr., Jamul, CA 91935, Church, Office: 619 669-7203, 14866 Lyons Valley Rd., Jamul, Sunday 8:30 am, 10:30 am. Children's Services/programs 0-12 yrs.

St. Pius X Church, 14107 Lyons Valley Rd., Jamul, **619 669-0085** Mass: Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 8:30 am & 11 am in English, 12:30 pm Spanish., Daily Mass Tues. - Fri.7:30 am except first Fri. 7 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Wed. from 8:30 am - 5pm. Healing Mass every 3rd Tues. of month in English and every 3rd Wed. of month in Spanish.

Church on the Rock, La Mesa Adventist Community Church, 4207 Spring Garden Dr.., La Mesa, CA 91941 John Casto, Pastor, 5 Sun: 9:30 am Bible Study; Sun.: 10:30 am Worship Service; Mon: 6-7 pm Prayer Meeting

Saint Gregory of Nyssa Greek Orthodox Church, Office: 1454 Jamacha Rd., El Cajon, CA 92019, 619 593-0707, Services at site of our church at 1454 Jamacha Rd. El Cajon, North of Chase Ave. 8:45 am Orthros, 10 am Divine Liturgy

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 14808 Lyons Valley Rd. Bishop Garth Isom, 619 971-8472 or garthisom@gmail.com,Sun: Sacrament Meeting 10 -11:15am, Scripture classes (All ages) 11:15am to 12. Women's Relief Society and Men's Priesthood Meetings: 12:15 -1 pm Wed.: Boy Scout & Youth Meeting: 7 - 9 pm. Family History Center Open Wed. 7-9 pm and Sun 11:15-1 pm, Cathy 887-7002

Way of Life Church 3200 Star Acres Dr., Spring Valley 91978 (2 blks from SCHS off Old Campo Rd). Pastor Bruce Balcombe,619504-7467 Sunday 10 AM, Worship, Sun.School, Wed. Services (all ages) 7 PM, & Youth (Jr./Sr.)

Dulzura Seventh Day Adventist Church, 17880 Hwy 94, Dulzura, CA 91917, 9:30 AM Saturday, Sabbath School, 11 AM Sat. Worship Service Info: call 619 468-3280. 7 PM Wednesday Bible Study

Summit Church at Steele Canyon High School 12440 Campo Rd., Spring Valley, CA 91978. Sundays at 10 am, performing arts auditorium. A non-denominational Christian Church. visit our website at www.summitchurchsandiego.org.

San Diego Grace Fellowship, 13910 Lyons Valley Rd., Ste. A, Jamul Sunday 10:30 AM; Wednesday 6:30 PM. Come hear the Gospel of God's free grace in Christ. Phone: 888 602-3456, www.sandiegograce.com; www.freegraceradio.com.

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 10842 Fury Ln. La Mesa, CA 91941, Sunday worship: 8:15 & 10:30*am.Sunday School for PreK thru Grade 5. *Nursery care available. Visit www.svlc.org.

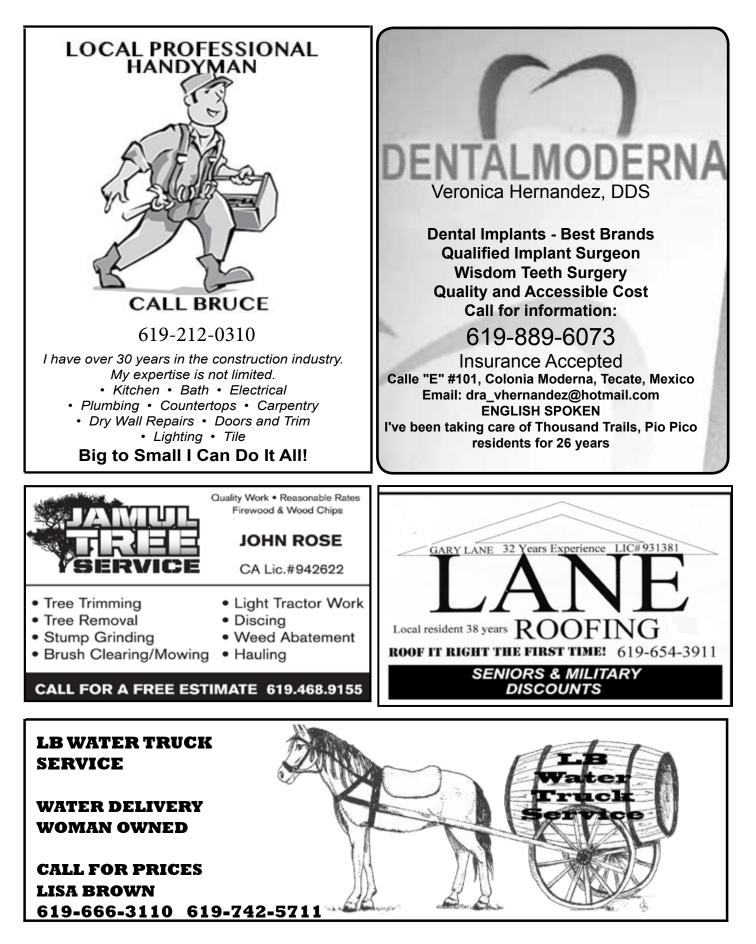
Dulzura Community Church, 1136 Community Building Rd., Dulzura, CA 91917, Pastor Howard Kischassey (619) 440-7396, Sunday, 10 AM Non-denominational Christian Church.

Foothills United Methodist Church, 4031 Avocado Blvd., La Mesa, CA 91941, North of Hwy 94, 619-670-4009, Sun. 8:30am traditional, 10:30am contemporary services.

The Way Lutheran Church, Rancho San Diego Library, 11555 Via Rancho San Diego, El Cajon, CA 92019 Sunday 10:30 am. Pastor Aaron Boehm. Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 9191 Fletcher Parkway, La Mesa, (619-469-4197) Sunday 9 am. Pastor Aaron Boehm.



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JAMUL/DULZURA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Elizabeth Bystedt Superintendent

Happy November!!! This is my favorite time of year. I love sitting down and thinking of all of the things that I am thankful for. I am thankful for our students and their families who make sure that their children come to school each day. I am thankful for our staff, teachers, and administrators who spend long hours both here working directly with children and at home thinking about the best ways to educate our children. I am thankful for our school board and their dedication to ensuring that our children are the focus of every decision that is made in our district and schools. I am thankful for the support of our community who work together for the good of all. Thank you to the Kiwanis for your dedication to our students by being willing to help us raise funds for fieldtrips and helping support our 8th graders in History Day or the DC Trip. Thank you to the Friends of Jamul Dulzura Schools for bringing back the annual fundraiser which raised money to help our work between Oak Grove Middle and the YMCA to ensure our 6th-8th grade students have a safe place to wait for their parents to pick them up after school AND to send our 5th grade students to Jr. Achievement. Thank you to the Grossmont High School District Adult Education for providing us with a teacher who is teaching English as a Second Language to any adult in our community who wants to attend for free! Thank you to the San Diego County Office of Education for providing us with a Social Worker Intern. I am thankful to those of you who attended our first Strategic Planning Team meeting for the year. Your input and thoughtful collaboration will help to move us forward. I could go on and on. Again, I am blessed and thankful for each and every one of you.

A request from the JDUSD Kids Club (before and after school program)... we are looking for donations of any used DVDs or VHS tapes that are rated G. Please feel free to drop them off in the District Office and we'll get them to the Kids Club. Of course, if you have children attending the Kids Club, you can drop them off directly with Ms. Melanie.

A Note from Jamul Elementary School

Jamul Elementary School students had a great night of fun and interactive games at our Literacy Night event. Students and their parents participated in various games related to reading and writing. We had a parent/child reading corner, movie night, story creation station on Chromebooks and many stations more! Students also had a chance to earn fun prizes! A great time was had by all. We also participated in the JamulFest parade, where we were able to show off our amazing teacher of the year, Susan Gackowski. Red Ribbon Week was also a successful school event. Students participated in activities related to making healthy choices. Our month ended with our amazing Fall Festival. A huge thank you to all the parent volunteers and our amazing PTA for organizing such a fun event for our school!! The Fall Festival along with our school Halloween Costume Parade was a great way to bring October to a close. Students enjoyed dressing up and showing off their awesome costumes for all to see at our second annual costume parade! JES is a great place to learn. Call us today to schedule your very own school tour. #teamjamul

A Note from Oak Grove Middle School

Oak Grove Middle School continues to make students' social and emotional health a priority. Our students have engaged in lessons focusing on how to reach out to others in an effort to prevent student isolation. Our goal is to make sure that all of our students feel a part of, and play a key role in, our school community. Our Say Hello Club student leaders plan and lead activities school wide that promote friendship, kindness and empathy. Our students are also spreading this awareness to elementary students.



Oak Grove Eagles Soar!! Oak Grove's Cross Country Club is competing on Wednesdays with other east county schools and are representing our school proudly. The first Cross Country meet was held at Griffen Park in La Mesa against Cajon Valley Middle. The second meet was with Lakeside Middle School at Lindo Lake. At both of these Cross Country Invites, Teddy Lugue took first place for the 7th grade boys competition. Nicoletta Burkhardt also took first place at both of these events for the 8th grade girls competions. Many others have

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medaled as well! Additional meets are on the calendar and we wish our team the continued success!





A Note from Greater San Diego Academy

One of the options for our students at Greater San Diego Academy is our Learning Experiences program. On Tuesdays, our 5th-8th grade students meet at various locations around the county. These students are working on a semester-long research project about a famous San Diegan. The choices range from Kate Sessions to Tony Hawk and many others in between, or students can propose their own person to research. In the Learning Experiences, these students are able to visit locations that may even have been created by their person of interest like Balboa Park, Stelzer County Park, and Cabrillo National Monument. The projects on famous San Diegans will be presented at the Winter Showcase on Wednesday, December 11.

Our 1st through 4th grade students attend Learning Experiences on Thursdays, but their learning objectives change each week depending on their location. With visits to Coronado Tidelands Park, Santee Lakes, and Mission Trails Regional Park, they have a vast array of science and social studies topics to cover.

At GSDA, our students, parents, and staff develop relationships that build a strong community. This month we say "happy retirement" to an important member of our community, Ms. Beci. Rebecca Patin has been at GSDA since 2007. She started in our Miramar office and then moved to our larger La Mesa office and has called the Jamul office her home for the last two years. Ms. Beci is one of the first faces you see as you enter. She is highly skilled and practiced in first aid, answering questions, and checking out books. She is also the one

who puts that extra touch into decorating and creating a comfortable space for our families. Ms. Beci is part of the heart of GSDA and always will be. We wish her the very best on her new adventures with her husband and wild puppy. We also want to thank Ms. Shawna for agreeing to go full-time to be able to take over Ms. Beci's duties. Ms. Beci will definitely show Ms. Shawna where the Band-Aids are kept.





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JAMUL ROCKS THE PARADE

Let's "Rock and Roll" Jamul was the theme of the Jamul Parade on Sunday, October 13. The fire department led the parade down Lyons Valley road followed by floats, vehicles, youth groups, and horses. The Grand Marshal was Pastor Gary Musser and his wife Esther of Jamul Community Church. Dignitaries were Susan Gackowski, Teacher of the Year, and Superintendent Liz Bystedt with Principals Yesenia Robinson and Dr. Minerva Salas. Our wonderful local pageant girls also joined the parade.

After the parade our community was treated to a spectacular equestrian performance at the Saint Pius X arena by Escarmuza Del Sol, a lovely all girl group riding side-saddle in traditional Mexican dress and Jose Alvarez and the Dancing Horses of Jamul. Also, a big community shout out to Jose Alvarez' group for cleaning up the road after the parade. The community was also treated with another wonderful Jamulfest

at the St. Pius X Catholic Church - featuring their great deep pit barbecue.

Best Mounted Individual (horse) - Stephanie Starbird "Super Starman"

Best Mounted Group (horse) - Patty Hyslop's Steeds - KISS Best Animal Representation - Winchester Widows - Mini horses and donkeys

Best Float - Cub Scout Pack 391

Best Marching Unit - Andalusian Dancing Horses

Best Youth Group - Jamul Community Church - Kid's World Rocks Most Unique Entry - Steele Canyon Key Club -Steele Canyon Key Club Rocks

Favorite Classic Car - Alex Melero 55 Chevy

Judges' Choice - Girl Scout Troop 5060 - We Love Jamul

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Equestrian All Girl Group Performing



Dancing Horses of Jamul Performing



Debbie Hornsby Parade Chair





Pink Ladies

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Hard working Parade Crew and cleanup along with Ginnie Wadhams



Teacher of the Year



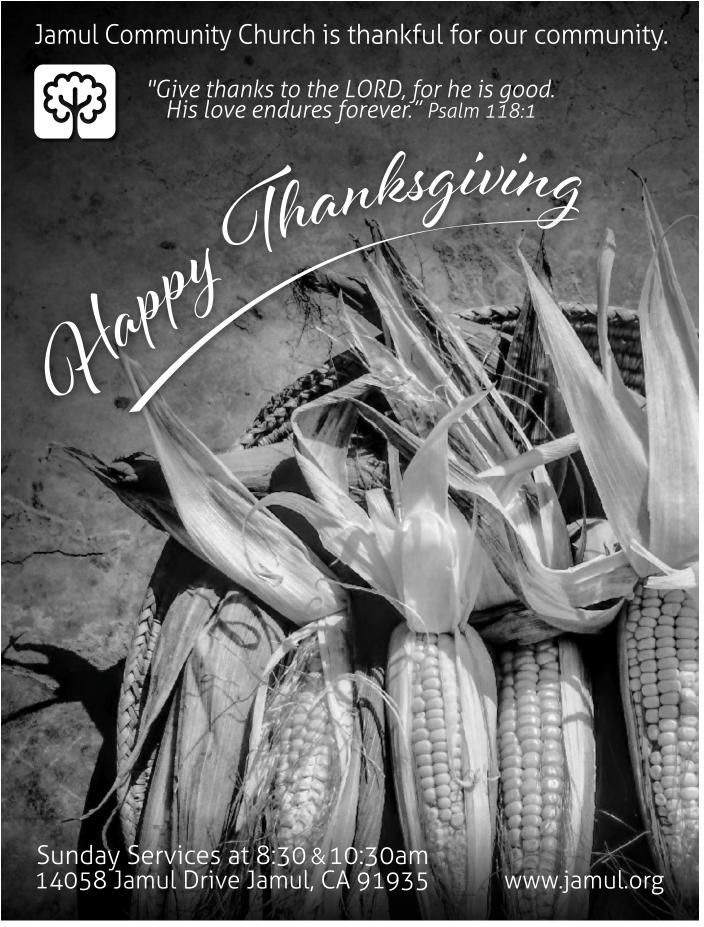
Gangs all here for a Great Jamul Rocks Parade



Stephanie Starbird and Patty Hyslops Steeds



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Backcountry Volunteer Firefighting By Dave Beekman

How I came to join the Jamul Volunteer Fire Department......1983 or 84

My wife and I had just built a house on five acres on Lyons Valley Road in Lee Valley and were clearing brush with my 1953 Ford/Ferguson tractor when we spotted smoke coming from the opposite side of the valley above Indian Hills Bible Camp.

We had just been in the valley about a year and were still getting used to "Country Living" with all the critters; e.g. snakes and bob cats, etc., but had not personally experienced a brush fire... The smoke cloud kept getting bigger and bigger and soon flames were shooting up but no one was responding like in the city. No sirens or fire trucks. I don't remember if we called 911 but we felt we had to do something so we grabbed a couple of shovels and the wife jumped on the tractor behind me (that metal tractor seat lacked certain amenities, like a cushion) and off we went. Up Lyons Valley Road towards Indian Hills and up Daly Truck Trail to where the smoke was coming from.

About that time an open cab fire engine from the fifties or sixties came up the dirt road and two guys jumped off and began laying hose while a third guy (turns out it was Chief John Baker) manned the pump to supply water. Luckily they had the fire out in no time as the truck only carried 500 gallons of water. We just watched with shovel in hand as these guys did their work in a most efficient manner. After it was all over we introduced ourselves and by and by I asked how I could join the fire department as all of a sudden it became apparent to me that we were pretty much on our own out here and maybe being trained and part of the response team might serve my need for "self-preservation."

Chief Baker was very cordial and invited us down to the next training Thursday at the Hwy 94 'pole barn truck shelter/double wide trailer on the Jamul Indian property that served as the main (unmanned) Fire Station. The training was very professional as we had 'guest' speakers and videos from fire stations in Lemon Grove and San Diego. For First-Aid training we had to go to the Red Cross on Fifth Avenue in Downtown San Diego. Over a period of a couple years I received my State of California Fire Fighter 1 certificate that proudly hangs on my office wall to this day.

Several years later the State passed a rule that said all Fire Apparatus drivers had to have a Commercial Class B license to continue riding in the left seat. I was 'volunteered' to be the 'guinea pig' in the East County Rural Fire Volunteers to go to the DMV and apply for a class B. Mind you we already had Commercial truck drivers in the Rural that did it for a living but I was the first 'civilian' to go thru the program.

By and by I studied the DMV books and took the written test, which was easy. The actual driving test covered Air Brakes, Tanks and Haz Mat, and took two hours driving all over Spring Valley and that course on Jamacha Rd. where truck driving schools practice. I was sure relieved when the test proctor only caught me in two "boo boos", not touching the curb with wheel when parking downhill and not stopping at the line before 'poking' the nose of the fire truck into the intersection so I could see cross traffic.

Training in the Fire Department is ongoing, some of the more studious Volunteers became EMTs and Paramedics. One fellow, Carl Lewis, passed the 'tough' Engineers Test.

Great memories from my time, almost ten years on the Jamul Volunteer Fire Department.

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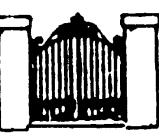
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IMPORTANT: JAMUL COURT CASES TO BE HEARD ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 13, 2019 at 9:00 am.

AT THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT IN SAN FRANCISCO

Ken Williams, attorney will be representing the Jamul Action Committee and the Jamul Community arguing that the gambling and the casino by the Jamul Indian Village is illegal based on the ruling made by Supreme Court of the United States.

Patrick Webb, attorney representing Walter Rosales and Karen Toggery (both formally living on family owned land at the Jamul Indian Village) who were unlawfully removed from their homes. Then the homes/land were bulldozed destroying artifacts and funerary objects so a casino could be built.

Oral arguments are streamed live on the court's website at: WWW.ca9.uscourts.gov. Links to live streaming audio and video are available on the main page and are listed by date, time, location and courtroom. Recordings of all oral arguments are available the day after argument at http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/media/.

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