



Tallest Cross in San Diego County was Placed on Rancho San Diego Hilltop by Helicopter

Over 35 foot Structure to Serve as a Symbolic Memorial for Persecuted Christians throughout Iraq and the Middle East

What: An over 35 foot high steel cross, the tallest in San Diego County, was placed atop a Rancho San Diego hill by Chinook helicopter December 14, 2023. The large Chaldean cross, made possible by Sam and Evone Attisha and their family, will serve as a symbolic memorial for persecuted Christians throughout Iraq and all of the Middle East.

"Over the last several decades, Christians in Iraq and throughout the middle east have been persecuted simply because of their faith," said Samad Attisha, who established the project. "The Chaldean Cross serves as a symbolic memorial for those martyrs that were murdered because of their love for our Lord Jesus Christ. My family and I are blessed with the opportunity to have made this possible on behalf of the entire Chaldean Community."

"At over 35 feet tall and almost 20,000 pounds, the cross' magnitude is unmatched throughout the region," said Vince Kattoula, the project's manager. "Overcoming bureaucratic hurdles, ensuring structural integrity, fabricating the entire cross out of one piece of carbon steel and constructing the foundation of the Chaldean Cross was not an easy feat, but our team is blessed with several highly skilled individuals, all of whom played a crucial role in ensuring this project's success."



Community News

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Jamul would like to Thank All who made the 2023 Food and Toy Drive such a success.



Special thanks to: the Jamul Post Office, Studio 94 Hair Salon, Tractor Supply, Jamul Liquor Store and the Staff and Students of Elementary and Oak Grove Middle Schools. We also received several cash donations from generous community members. THANK YOU. Here are some of the toys provided.



In Memoriam - Cindy A. Larimore

Cindy A. Larimore, 80, passed 10/9/23 at Grossmont Hospital in La Mesa, CA. The family appreciates the car provided by Villa Las Palmas Healthcare Center, where Cindy lived after residing many years in Jamul, CA. Born in Dayton Ohio September 10, 1943, Cindy is survived by loving sister Eleanore Harkness and niece Jamie Wickline of Medina, Ohio, and dear friend Elona Taylor of Chula Vista, CA. A known artist in the 80's and 90's, Cindy owned Dark Horse Studios, painted horses and pets on commission, illustrated "How to Oil Paint Horses" between 1990-2010 for Walter Poster Books. Cindy's professional experience includes freelance animal portraits that are displayed around the country. An animal lover, Cindy Painted western, wildlife and racing art for free for animal welfare and rescue groups. Cindy said, "Animals have been good to me and this is one way I can help them in return."



Calendar

1st and 3rd Tuesday 7:30

Jamul/Dulzura Community Planning Group Jamul Dulzura Union School District, Jamul Education Center 14581 Lyons Valley Rd, Jamul.

4th Thursday Kiwanis meeting at Jamul Community Church at 6:30 pm, 14058 Jamul Drive

January 15 Jamul Shopper Deadline,

Tammy 619 669-1109

Third Tuesday Jamul Dulzura School Board meets 6:30 JIS Library

Weekly AA meetings every Wednesday 6-7pm at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Jamul

Echo Chamber Music from Cuyacama College Music Concert Series for 2024 for tickets and information: ECHOchambermusic.org.

COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

Jamul-Dulzura Union School District - Jamul Education Center
14581 Lyons Valley Road, Jamul, CA 91935

Hybrid Meeting: Both In-Person and Zoom attendance
Meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month – 7:30 pm.

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MISSION STATEMENT

"The mission of the Jamul-Dulzura Community Planning Group is to represent the best interests of the communities of Jamul and Dulzura while adhering to County of San Diego, California Board of Supervisors Policy I-1."

PURPOSE STATEMENT

The purpose of the Jamul-Dulzura Community Planning Group is:

- To provide a public forum where local citizens can learn about issues of importance to them and their community and provide input.
- To carefully consider all input when advising the county on such issues as planning, land use, discretionary projects, and community and sub-regional plans. APPROVED 5/12/2020.

We have vacant seats (#5, 9, and 13) and are looking to fill them with people who are looking for a way to help their community. If you are interested, contact Kevin May: kjmaycpg@gmail.com or 619-987-2586. Come join us in making a difference for our communities.



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The Antler

DEERHORN VALLEY —Kim Hamilton

WINTER WINGS

—Rob Deason

Kim and I moved to Deerhorn more than thirty years ago. Two days after we moved in, early in the morning, Betty Love, the previous owner, called. With concern in her voice, she said, "Each morning, two little birds we named Samantha and Sam come to the kitchen-window sill to get their morning handout of sunflower seeds." With a touch of embarrassment, she added, "They've been around for years . . . would you mind feeding them?"

Kim and I, both bird lovers, said, "Of course, we would love to take care of them." The following morning, we scattered seeds along the sill. Immediately, two small titmice, Sam and Samantha, arrived for their handout. Kim and I still call the Titmouse, "Sam-birds."

So began our decades-long commitment to keeping our feathered friends plump, sassy, bathed, watched, counted, rescued, photographed, loved, and appreciated. To this day, every morning, I rise, make coffee, and while it gurgles and wafts the house awake, I feed the (my) birds. "Here, birds!" is there breakfast summons.

I've built many feeders, houses, baths, things-'n-stuff to make our property bird-friendly. I'm embarrassed to say how much I spend on feed. We installed a pond that attracts many, and our home qualifies as a Wildlife Sanctuary with the National Wildlife Federation.

Many of our birds are migratory—visitors for a month, then gone. Winter is here, now, and I show last year's photo of our snow-patched feeder with a host of local house finches and a hang-on lark sparrow. The little black-capped Oregon Juncos, often called "snowbirds," are arriving day by day—you can't miss their black heads and gray breasts.

Hummingbirds are up earliest; at times I'll hear them before it's light enough to see. Backlit by dawn light, they belly-up to the feeder—remodeled with a half-gallon jar—they'll empty it in a day!

Scrub Jays—here all year, blue over gray, this one in its typical cantankerous posture, tail high, a raspy squawk arrowed at a rival, or your cat. Their favorite food is a whole peanut in the shell. They fly off, stick it into soft soil, give it a couple of taps, then cover with a pebble or leaf – out of sight – go back for more. They can fill their mouths with ten sunflower seeds – which, after a rain, will grow a small cluster of sprouts.

Two Red-Tailed Hawks live in the meadow behind our place. Their nest is in an oak below their favorite power-pole perch where they sit and warm in the first sun. On camera, backlit by the sun, they're a beautiful, stately bird. They've fledged many an offspring.

At times, the red-topped Acorn Woodpecker will sometimes drink from the hummer feeder. They're a family bird, usually in groups of seven or more. Their squawk is unmistakable, and they don't take any guff from a Jay – usually our feeder's top-dog.

Winter doesn't chase the house finches away. We have them year round. At top, six perch at treetop, warming in the morning sun— waiting for me to get on the job. The three with scarlet-breasts are males.

Agile little gymnasts wearing white tuxedos are my favorite – the White Breasted Nuthatch. It can hop down, up, around, any direction— as though it's a magnet to the tree. One waits each morning for sunflower seeds.

We have bluebirds—delicate flyers; insect eaters. The one pictured sits on its front porch (OK, perch.). Lastly, the beautiful, small Bewick's Wren, not often seen, scurries around and under rocks and woodpiles for insects.

Apologies to those birds we've missed, we'll see you next fly-by.



House Finches (red male, plain female) and Lark Sparrow. Snow? Yes!

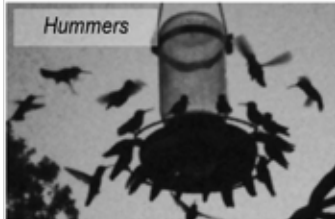
Community News



Hummers



Oak Titmouse



Feisty Scrub Jay



Yearly; a Pair of Red-Tailed Hawks



Acorn Woodpecker



Morning-Sun-bathing Finches



Nuthatch



Western Bluebird



Bewick's Wren

Photos and text by Rob Deason



HAPPY NEW YEAR
DEERHORN VALLEY



TINA KAUFMAN PERSONAL TRAINER



As I reflect on 2023, I am so very grateful and blessed to continue my passion and love helping others, not only achieve their goals, but to encourage them how to get past any element that may interfere with every day life. I now approach my 8th year working with women and men of all ages, shapes and physical capability. I have had my own struggles with self image, including a four year battle of anorexia, so to be a part of someone's

physical and mental journey, and helping them understand they CAN transform their lives like they never thought they could, is my blessing. My training consist of weight training, shaping and building muscles without any impact on the joints... No running, or jumping in my gym.

This year I am pleased to share Marty's story of challenge and accomplishment and victory. as well as Jeanne Gromer's testimony.

As we go into 2024, I continue to share my God given gifts and I am grateful for every person that has trusted me with their journeys. I now have many very special people in my life from these journeys. Wishing you all a beautiful, happy, healthy and blessed new year. Tina

Marty Fowler...and this is my Body Building Story

In 2022 I was in a horrible horse accident. I was run over by a horse; therefore, I was not wearing a helmet. I spent six days in intensive care and came home on a walker with a major head injury. My grandson, Ajay, and I had been planning a trip to Peru for over a year. We were both in great shape and ready for our four day hike up the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu. After the accident, the doctors told me I would die due to my brain injury, if I tried the 14,000 foot elevation hike without allowing my brain to heal. So, the trip was put on hold and I spent the next six months allowing my body to recover. When my body was better I started thinking about our trip and the hike. Not only had I lost most of my muscle mass, gained weight, my endurance strength was gone as well. I was so bummed, but with my "never say die" determination I was ready to hit the gym. After a few weeks, I could tell I wasn't getting anywhere. At 70 years old my body was not listening to the work out that had always worked for me. It was during this time that I took my grandson to have a pair of pants shortened. We went into my favorite tailoring shop, Casa De Oro Tailoring, when who do I see but Tina. As we caught up with each other's life's I share my workout dilemma. Tina says, "You might want to come and work out with me." I immediately say, "No way, I've been lifting since I was 14. I know my way around a gym." She laughs and says, "You know where to



find me if you want my help." God moments are not always recognized on the spot!

Four weeks later I was calling Tina. I was thinking I will go for one month and then go back to the gym and add what I have learned to my workout. That was 14 months ago. Not only did I get my muscle back, my endurance back, I also lost all the weight plus more, and lost two sizes in my clothes. At 71 I hiked Machu Picchu and had a great time. My grandson and I have memories we will always share and a relationship that will go on into eternity. As far as learning Tina's style and going back to the gym, I have never come close to being able to duplicate her routines that change each visit, nor her amazing knowledge in body building. She is a wizard when it comes to working each and every muscle, while allowing this older woman to gain strength while not getting injured. One of her finest

accomplishments in the gym is her ability to encourage while not pushing me to the point that I hurt myself. That is a gift! I think so highly of Tina that I talked my husband into joining me. He too has always worked out alone and now Tina's workouts are one of the highlights of his week. He too has gained muscle, balance, and strength. By the way, he is 77 and is now sporting a six pack and I'm not talking about beer! Working with Tina has been a great experience for both of us, I couldn't recommend it enough. Thank you Tina for helping me get my life back!

Jeanne Gromer Story

In 1999 I was working out 6 days per week and I got really lean and strong. That was the last time I felt really good about the way I looked. With 3 and then 4 children and a demanding job, the exercise schedule was just not sustainable. Over the next 23 years I gained over 40 pounds and lost all of my strength. I tried various diet and exercise programs over the years but could never stay with anything for more than a couple of months.

Then in September of 2022, a friend asked me if I'd join her in working out with Tina – just 2 days per week! Well, sure, I could do that, but I still did wonder if I would stick to it as I didn't have a very good track record. Well here I am, 14 months later and, as of this morning, 40 pounds lighter. I have great muscle definition. I never have to think about what I'm going to wear. And best of all, I'm strong again. I can even run with my dogs when they want to! We're so happy with the results, my husband joined the group a few months ago.

Tina keeps us motivated by giving us different workouts every session. We never get bored and the time goes by quickly. She's also so positive and encouraging. And she's very careful to make sure we don't do anything that can injure us – something I have to consider at 62. I have worked with other trainers before but never one with Tina's extensive knowledge and experience. Lastly, Tina isn't just a trainer, she has become a friend.



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January 2024 Shopper

Happy New Year and Happy 2024!!!! I hope your holidays have been blessed and that you have had the opportunity to spend time with your loved ones. Now its time to set new goals for the year and to work on our resolutions. I wish each of you a prosperous 2024!!!

I just wanted to remind the community that we have at home COVID tests and face masks for anyone (children and adults) who needs one/some. If you have a student at our schools, just contact your school office and they'll get them together for you. If you do not have students at our schools, please call Cyndy at 619-669-7706 and we'll put them together for you to pick up. While supplies last.

For those of you with little ones, the **Transitional Kindergarten birthday cut off** for the 2024/25 school year is June 2nd. If your child will turn 5 on or before June 2nd of 2025, they qualify for TK. JDUSD is committed to full day TK for our general education population. TK is an awesome step between preschool and Kindergarten. If you would like to see our program in action, please reach out to Jamul Elementary School.

Our **Strategic Planning** Group held their first meeting for the school year in December. At the meeting JES and OGMS shared a sampling of the exciting extracurricular activities that they offer on site. We were blessed to have parents and staff representatives from both schools along with our Director from GSDA and the Principal from Steele Canyon High School.



I continue to be thankful to our Board of Trustees for ensuring Care Solace is a service for our families and the greater community. If you need to access them, please go to our website at www.jdusd.net. If you need more information about Care Solace, you may contact any of our schools or the district office. We are here to help.

A Note from Ms. Robinson, JES Principal

Hello Jamul Families!

We have been busy at JES. Our teachers continue to work closely with the writing consultant from Literacy Partners as we perfect our craft around Writers Workshop. This time our consultant went into the classrooms and coached teachers one on one during the writing process. It was an amazing experience and so exciting to see our teachers shine and students seeing themselves as authors and writing for various audiences!

Our performance of The Little Mermaid was amazing! I'd like to give one more shout out to the staff who dedicated so many hours to making that show a dream come true: Natalia Robinson, Karyme Peralta, Chloe Baker, Sarah Eardensohn, Michele Mendoza and Andrea Luce. Our students were ALL stars on stage, and we are very proud of their hard work and dedication to learn their lines, the songs, the choreography, their costumes and knowing when they were required to be on stage.

In December we put on a Winter "in San Diego" performance. Families were invited to watch their kids perform. We also participated in JES Night at the Gulls game on 12/16. We had fun enjoying each other's company and cheering on our San Diego Gulls at the same time. There is always so much happening at JES, our door is always open; come see for yourself! Call our friendly office staff at 619-669-7850 to schedule a campus tour. #TeamJamul #JamulRocks #JDUSDitsaboutkids



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A Note from Dr. Salas. OGMS Principal

At Oak Grove Middle School we recognize students that demonstrate great effort at being their very best on our campus. We identify students of the Month that are consistently practicing and applying Oak Grove's values as described in our Eagle Etiquette, which are Kindness, Responsibility, Responsible and Safe. We also take enthusiasm and leadership into consideration.

For October, we identified the following students: (Pictured Amalia Mayoral (6th) Anabelle Garcia (6th), Yahir Coss (7th) Caiden Christiansen (7th), Linnea Ramirez (7th), Elizabeth Ugalde (8th), Alan Lopez (8th) and Colton Van Nooijen (8th).



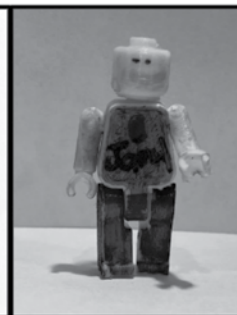
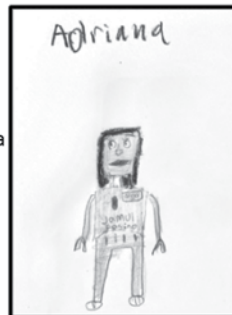
A Note from Ms. Ann, GSDA Director:What does a favorite childhood toy have to do with Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)? Students at Greater San Diego Academy have been exploring just that in their LEGO Engineering classes! Students in grades 1-8 learned about the 6 simple machines (wheel and axle, pulley, wedge, lever, screw and incline plane) by building LEGO structures that demonstrated each concept. Students in grades 5-8 also studied Class 1, 2, & 3 levers. Students then applied what they learned to design and build inventions using simple machines to complete the following challenges: Wrecking Ball, Catapult, Seesaw and Bridge.

The most important lesson students focused on is F.A.I.L: First Attempt In Learning. Scientists, mathematicians and engineers often fail multiple times with their prototypes before "getting it right". Students were provided opportunities to design, build, test, modify, and retest to gain a deeper understanding of concepts.

Most exciting was the design-to-conception of the LEGO Mini-Me figurines. Students created drawings and diagrams of personalized mini-figures that they then printed on our 3D printer. The excitement of seeing their designs come to life is a learning opportunity that they will remember forever!



Students of the Month for November are the following: Rylan Vargas(6th), Nicholas Nunez (6th), Chloe Christiansen (6th), Alonso Rodriguez (7th), Hugh Panesa (7th), Dylan Macedo-Cardoza (7th), Amy Gonzalez(8th) and Angelina Camacho (8th). We are very proud of our students! Wishing the entire Jamul community, a wonderful New Year!



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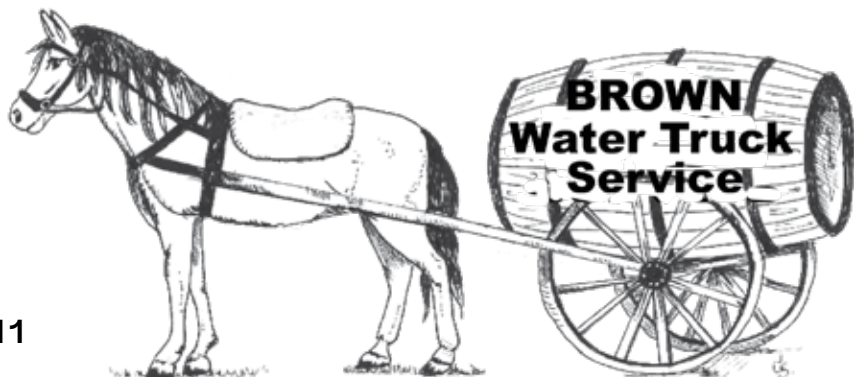
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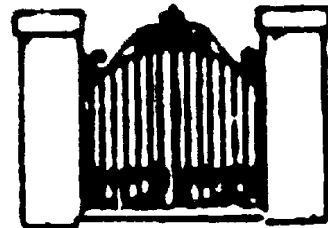
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Riders I've Known

Mary Lou is about my age, and in pretty good health. She was a strong swimmer, and definitely not heavy. No one else in her family (spouse, kids) had a love for horses, but she couldn't stay away from them. Every vacation they took, had to include some time for her to be at a Dude Ranch where she could ride. Maybe once a year, there'd be an incident where her horse would spook and she'd fall off. She finally decided to take lessons, and did so for over 10 years. A couple of her instructors grew tired of her lack of progress and she had to move on to other ranches. I'd have her ride one of my horses that I knew was too lazy to give her too much trouble. In fact, she couldn't even get him to walk out or turn in a circle. My advice to her: get seriously involved in Yoga. It was ignored. She had no sense of balance; swimming does NOT improve balance.

I had a Little Sister once; Annie. She was 11, and had been taking group horse lessons at ranch for kids. She might not have been the best there, but she had heart. She took to my mare, having mostly ridden geldings before. Shady could be a bit spunky and the two of them got on great. Our time together was mostly spent with the horses. After a few weeks of riding Shady in the arena at a fairly controlled walk and trot, I asked if she had ever "loped" a horse. She said she had to pass a few verbal tests regarding horse parts and breeds before being allowed to try. She was so well balanced and without fear on the horse, that I suggested she hold the reins in one hand and same hand on the saddle horn, and the other hand on the back of the saddle...tightly. I stood in the middle of the arena with a lounge whip and asked Shady to lope. The grin on Annie's face was totally contagious. So, we tried that exercise 2 more times, with equal success. Something required that I walk away from the arena for a minute, maybe to scold the dogs. When I got back, there was Annie, loping Shady around the arena like it was second nature...and NOT holding onto the saddle, just the reins. That's my requirement for someone to go on a trail ride with us. Over the next few years, we covered most of the Cuyamaca trails. She never came off a horse. Can't say the same for me!

I met Rachel at a large birthday party she attended with a favorite former colleague. She's tall, slim, with a confident air. I asked if she's ever ridden horses; "only as a kid" came the answer. But she was a surfer, Mike's former hobby. And a good one. I suggested she visit the ranch where she could meet Brando. She assumed I was setting her up for a date. And I was; Brando is my 17-hand drop-dead gorgeous tri-color Paint. She got on Shady in the arena and found she truly enjoyed the experience...and she came back a few times to ride, even trying out Brando. Of course, as a former surfer, she has perfect

balance. When Shady died a couple months later, she naturally picked Brando as her trail riding mount. She's never come off, and the two of them have formed a deep love. He's now 21, and she's promised to take him when I can no longer keep horses.

I don't remember how we met Katja; she must have been a friend of a friend. She'd learned Dressage and Jumping in her home country in Northern Europe, and was finishing school and an internship here for a year. She missed riding, and the relationship with horses. It takes the edge off the stresses of young adulthood. She joined us in our weekly ride in the nearby mountains. Again, this young lady could ride. She'd take the most difficult horse we had, rode in any position of the lineup we needed her, and go on the gnarliest of trails we could find for 2-3 hours. She wouldn't allow any trail obstacle to spook the horse. I don't remember ever seeing her without a huge grin on her face. Mike and I both nearly cried to see her leave to go home.

What about guys riding? Mike has a couple friends who ride...with their spouses. Where they live isn't convenient to meet us with their horse early morning before the parking lots get full. I've not met any younger men who have some horse experience and a great desire to take up trail riding with us, but I'm certainly not opposed to it. Actually, I think it would be a perfect way for a young fellow to meet confident, healthy young women. Our Jamul ranches are a great place to start!

Now, I've invited a couple other younger women to join the party, and I know they'll work out perfectly. Everyone always has her favorite horse, and luckily, it's never the same. This is all good, since my age is catching up to me and a 3-hour challenging ride has become a bit too much. Give me a nice 1-hour ride on a good, not overly busy trail nearby with one or two others (in my four-horse herd), and that's just perfect, as long as the motorized hang gliders, dogs off-leash, or rattlesnakes aren't a bother.



History of Lake Cuyamaca

George Merz, who writes for our Jamul Shopper, lived in Jamul for many years and several years ago moved to Lake Cuyamaca. The following is a summary of the history of the lake.



The idea of constructing a reservoir above Boulder Creek in the Cuyamaca Mountains and transporting the water supply to the San Diego area was promoted and surveyed between 1881 and 1886. In May of 1886, the San Diego Flume Company was incorporated. Thus, the first San Diego project was started to bring water from the areas of relatively high rainfall to the semi-arid coastal region of San Diego.

The objective was to build a dam across the lower end of Cuyamaca Valley, store the abundant rainfall, control discharge downstream along Boulder Creek and convey the water via a wooden flume (37 miles) to the San Diego area for irrigation and domestic use. The flume followed the course of the San Diego River.

Construction of the Cuyamaca dam by the San Diego Flume Co. began in September, 1886 and the earth fill structure was completed in 1887. The flume had a clear width of 6 feet with side boards of 16 inches and was constructed of redwood lining on a pine substructure. The main flume was almost 35 miles in length.

There were 315 trestles of varying sizes and 5 tunnels, the longest being 1850 feet. It is estimated that 9 million board feet of wood went into the construction of the flume. The flume was placed in operation in 1889 and water deliveries to the San Diego area commenced. The flume operated for over 21 years. Remains of the flume are evident today. When the flume was opened the Governor of the State came down and dedicated the project, and they gave him a ride in a raft down into the San Diego River.

History of Lake Cuyamaca Recreation and Park District

After 1910 Col. Ed Fletcher and his family spent considerable time at Lake Cuyamaca fishing, hunting and exploring the lake meadows and mountains. It was his wish before his death in the mid 50's that a recreation program be established at Lake Cuyamaca. The leader in this effort was Willis Fletcher, one of his sons. Other assistance came from Helix Water district staff, the California Wildlife Conservation Board, along with other Fletcher family members, and in 1961, Senate Bill 1218 created Lake Cuyamaca Recreation and Park District. Throughout the operational history of Lake Cuyamaca, the governing body, a seven person board, has provided farsighted guideline policies and administrated structure for quality growth and responsive program innovations.

Presently, the District offers a wide range of recreational opportunities. In addition to sport fishing, and seasonal duck hunting. Included are RV and tent camping facilities, recreational boating, shoreline hiking trail and lake view rental cabins and condos. There is also a family restaurant and store. Lake Cuyamaca today is truly a multipurpose public recreation area catering to family needs. This 110 acre lake is situated at an elevation of 4600 feet in an oak and pine forest and surrounded on three sides by the Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, 50 miles from San Diego near Julian. Interested in visiting or contributing to the foundation, contact the Lake Cuyamaca Foundation, P O Box 991, Julian, CA 92036 or call 760-765-3455.



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Memories of Jamul Volunteer Fire Department

We had all settled down for a quiet Christmas eve when the call came in over the County Pager... "Cabin Fire. Lawson Valley Road." Our nearest engine was at the Indian Hills Camp about a half mile from my home... I loved to drive so I was most always the first one there to the unmanned barn on Lyons Vally Road to warm up the engine on that old 'reliable' 1975 International stick shift 500 gallon water pumper. By and by Bob Lindsey and 'Curly' Dan Bell, Counselors at In Hills Camp, jumped in and away we went 'code 3' (Lights and siren) disturbing everyone in the Valley at around 10 PM... When we arrived, the cabin was fully engulfed and we set out to 'save the foundation.'

I think I left Bob and 'Curly' to fight the fire with about half dozen other volunteers that showed up from other Jamul stations and Chief Favro assigned me and our trusty engine to haul water from the elementary School about 4 miles away as there were no fire Hydrants in Lawson Valley...

I made several trips that nite with no problems at all until.... On my last trip going down that curvy Lawson Valley road in the dark, the air brakes began to fade away each time I pumped them...The brake pedal was on the floor about half way to the fire so I just kept it in gear and ran into a dirt bank to stop my 'runaway' engine at the fire scene.. Chief Frank Favro, RIP, was not too happy with me for scratching up the old paint... :)

Seems it was the Christmas tree that had caught fire and the family lost all their presents as well... Lucky for them they ware away visiting and no one was injured... The local Catholic church held an event to replace presents and help the family...Eventually all this 'vintage' equipment was replaced with brand new apparatus with grants obtained by our last and final Volunteer Fire Department Chief, Bill Bagnell.

That's my story and I'm stickn' to it...Dave Beekman. JVFD

Steele Canyon High School A California Charter School Special Election

Steele Canyon High School Governing Board SPECIAL Election to be conducted in January/February 2024

Steele Canyon High School ("SCHS") will be conducting a SPECIAL Election for one Community Governing Board Member position in January/February. The newly elected Board members' term will officially begin in March 2024, upon certification of the election results by the sitting Board and will **end in October 2024**. Beginning on January 8, 2024 interested parties will need to submit a **Declaration of Candidacy Form**, by the January 31, 2024 deadline (no exceptions). Forms are available on the school website and in the front office of Steele Canyon High School. Additionally, each candidate will need to complete and submit a **Candidate's Form 700** by the January 31, 2024 deadline which can be accessed through the Fair Political Practices Commission's website at (www.fppc.ca.gov) and in the front office at Steele Canyon High School.

Governing Board Member position(s) up for Special Election in January/February are the following:

One (1) Community Board Member

The Board Member Election Procedures Policy including, Election Calendar dates, candidate and voter eligibility requirements, will be posted in January at the front office of SCHS and on the school website. The SCHS Election Ad-Hoc Committee is looking for volunteers to assist the Board Secretary, or the Secretary's designee, in overseeing the election process, assist with preparing ballots, and the counting of the ballots. To volunteer for the SCHS Elections Ad-Hoc Committee, please contact Vicki Ordway, Executive Assistant and Governing Board Secretary at Vordway@schscougars.org. Questions about the requirements, commitment, or responsibilities of being a SCHS Board Member can be directed to any of the current Board Members (contact information is on the Charter Board page on the school's website schscougars.org)

Election Timeline

January 8, 2024	Declaration of Candidacy will be available.
January 31, 2024	Last day to receive Declaration of Candidacy in the school office by 3:30 pm - NO EXCEPTION
February 13, 2024	Voting period officially begins.
Time (TBD)	Evening - Candidates Forum - to be conducted by SCHS PTO - School Library
February 21, 2024	Voting period ends "Last day to receive ballots in the school office at 3:30 by US mail or hand delivered. NO EXCEPTION
February 29, 2024	Count ballots and certify the vote by the Election Committee
March 13, 2024	Installation of the new Board member at the Regular Board meeting

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Dear Friends,

As your County Supervisor, it is with great pleasure that I present to you my 2023 Legislative Actions & Accomplishments report. This past year has been filled with many victories and milestones, particularly in the areas of mental health and homelessness, public safety, fire safety, economic development, and housing.

On mental health and homelessness, we have taken significant steps to expand services and temporary shelters — getting people off the streets and back on their feet. Some of these steps include:

- **Launching an Emergency Shelter Sleeping Cabins Program** — a quick and innovative solution to expanding shelter capacity throughout the County
- **Establishing an Unsafe Camping Ordinance** which prohibits illegal encampments that pose a threat to public safety due to fire and pollution

On public safety, we have allocated new resources to ensure that our communities are prepared for the worst — empowering us with additional ambulances, funding for opioid enforcement, and more. Some of our actions include:

- Supporting the **Increase of Public Safety Officers** in Jamul Indian Village
- Successfully advocating for \$500,000 for the Sheriff's Department to **address illegal fentanyl activities**

On economic development, we have worked tirelessly to support small businesses, non-profits, and community organizations through awarding over **\$6 million in County grants**.

Finally, on housing, we have removed barriers and cut red tape to encourage the development of desperately-needed new housing units throughout the County.

For the full report, please visit bit.ly/SJA_2023 (case sensitive).

Thank you for your support, and I look forward to another successful year of making County government work for you in 2024.

It's an honor to serve you,

Joel Anderson

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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 Thursday from 8:30 am - 5pm. Healing Mass quarterly on 3rd Tues. of month in English and every 3rd Wed. of month in Spanish.

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, **1634 Hillsdale Rd., El Cajon, CA 92019, Scott Willis 619-798-4964, email: scottwillis2021@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 Tuesday: Youth Meeting: 7 - 9 pm.

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 9:30 AM; in person. Wednesday 6:30 PM. Come hear the Gospel of God's free grace in Christ. Phone: 619-345-1212, www.sandiegograce.com; www.freegraceradio.com.

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 10842 Fury Ln. La Mesa, CA 91941, Sunday worship: 9:30 am. Nursery care available. Visit www.svlc.org. We are also streaming on You Tube & Facebook.

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.

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