

Please join us on Jan's 90th birthday
Saturday, February 13, 2027
to celebrate her amazing life!

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the
Janet Mulder Memorial Scholarship
PO Box 604 Jamul, CA 91935

Janet Wilson Mulder peacefully fell asleep in the Lord on August 6, 2026, while Psalms were read over her. After valiantly fighting cancer multiple times, including metastatic ovarian cancer since 2019, Jan lived every moment with purpose and intention. In the early 1970s, she was among the first patients to receive chemotherapy, and by God's grace she was healed of choriocarcinoma, living an incredible 89 years with more energy and enthusiasm than most half her age. Unquestionably, Jan was larger than life, full of grit and determination, with a remarkable ability to rally those around her into action.

Born on February 13, 1937, in Dallas, Texas, to W.L. "Tex" Wilson and Billee [Hughen], Jan and her family moved to San Diego in 1941 after the birth of her younger sister. Graduating from Hoover High School in 1954, Jan studied Fashion Marketing at San Diego State University, where she was a member of the Pi Beta Phi

Sorority, Cap and Gown, ASB Officers, Cetza, and was listed in the "Who's Who of Colleges and Universities." At SDSU, she met her husband, Gerald Mulder, and they remained diehard SDSU fans, holding season tickets to both basketball and football for decades. They were also huge Padres fans! Jan worked in fashion merchandising throughout college and after graduation, developing the Hi-Debber Varsity program at Walker Scott stores for outstanding high school seniors, which received national awards from *Ingenue* and *Seventeen* Magazine. Gerry and Janet married after his first year at Boalt Hall Law School at UC Berkeley. While living in San Francisco, Jan was a fashion coordinator for Macy's. Jan worked right through her pregnancy, going into labor with Barbi Lynn while pulling together a fashion show the same day. After giving birth to her second daughter, Dianna Lee, she left fashion to raise her girls.

She also devoted much time to Project Concern International, organizing the annual Walk for Mankind, a twenty-mile event to raise funds for maternal and child health and nutrition. In 1974, Jan and Gerry bought fifteen acres in Jamul, where they spent years raising animals on their ranch, from horses to sheep, pigs, cattle, an enormous garden and five acres of kiwifruit. Jan was very involved in 4-H with her daughters. Always the holiday home, Jan and Gerry hosted Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter and more for decades. Jan made an amazing pecan pie! After over 52 years living on the Bar-B-Dee Ranch in Beaver Hollow, Jan reluctantly sold it in 2026, and moved to La Vida Real independent living in Rancho San Diego in October 2025, where she quickly connected with old and new friends, even participating in a patriotic tap performance the month before she passed away.

In the mid-1970s, working on School Bonds with new friends in Jamul, the group sought to determine how to best improve the local school district. Ultimately, they decided one of them needed to get into the classrooms as a teacher, so Jan went back to school and earned her teaching credential, followed by her Master's in Education. It would be impossible to list the innumerable ways Jan affected the education of children in the Jamul-Dulzura District, as well as San Diego County. In 1976, she pioneered getting Apple computers in the classroom, which aligned with her initial emphasis on improving math scores. Janet became a prominent leader in the field of social studies education, serving at the county, state, and national levels. At Oak Grove Middle School, where Jan taught 8th grade, as well as journalism, the Janet Mulder History Social Studies Award is presented annually to the outstanding student.

Over her five decades in education, Janet dedicated herself to empowering all students to become their best selves and to become exemplary citizens. In the late 1980s, Janet began working with the National History Day (NHD) program, eventually ascending to the position of NHD San Diego Coordinator. Her unwavering commitment to assisting students with their projects extended beyond the classroom, as she

traveled throughout the county and state to provide guidance and support. In 2025, National History Day—California honored Janet as the inaugural recipient of the Janet Mulder Lifetime Award. Grammy coached four of her grandkids through NHD, each winning first in Idaho, and advanced to the national competition with Grammy support, placing in Finals with all three projects.

Throughout her career, Janet served as the Regional Coordinator for the We the People Competition and Project Citizen at the Center for Civic Education. Additionally, she was a member of the Civic Learning Partnership in San Diego County and served on the Board of the Greater San Diego Council for Social Studies. Her contributions to Civic Education were recognized with the Roy Erickson Civic Award by the California Council for Social Studies.

Later, after retiring from the classroom, Jan was elected to the Jamul/Dulzura Union School Board, where she served for 14 more years. A teacher who was profoundly impacted by Janet's teachings remarked, "Janet was a force. She believed in students, she believed in teachers, and she believed in the transformative power of citizenship."

Elected as inaugural members of the Jamul-Dulzura Planning Group in 1978, Jan and Gerry tirelessly set up the framework that still guides the Planning Group today. For many years she served as secretary, documenting proceedings long before digital records existed. She watched Jamul shift from a quiet rural area into a community wrestling with growth, transportation, and environmental pressures, always guided by a principle she made famous: "Keep Jamul Rural." She knew growth was inevitable, but insisted it respect the character of the place and the people in it. Janet finally retired from the planning group last year, after serving for 47 years.

Family was the highlight of Jan's life. From her two daughters to her nieces and nephews, many dear cousins, aunts and uncles, godchildren, and more, Jan often organized reunions to keep everyone connected. "Grammy" and "Papa" were devoted grandparents, traveling up the coast and across the country to visit their nine grandchildren, cheering them on through countless soccer and basketball games, as well as a myriad of theatre and musical performances. Endeavoring to encourage each grandchild's natural gifts, Jan and Gerry took them all on special trips to Washington, D.C., Williamsburg, Gettysburg, etc., and even traveled all together to Europe in 2010. Great-grandchildren were the cream on top—an unexpected but joyous surprise. As Jan fought cancer these last seven years, she welcomed nine more great-grandchildren (for a total of eleven with a twelfth on his way).

Truly, she counted her family as her greatest investment and fought for more days together. Janet was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald Mulder (married for 61 years), as well as sister, Barbara Kaye Revak, sister-in-law Billee Collins, brother-in-law James Mulder, niece Sharol (Chris Mkpado), and nephew Chuck Collins. She is survived by her daughters, Barbara Lynn (Neal Schaefer) and Dianna Lee (Tim Barkett), along with nine grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren and many cherished cousins.

Jan was laid to rest next to her beloved husband, Gerry, near both her parents and in-laws at Lily Lake Lawn at Greenwood Memorial Park. We will hold a Celebration of Life for Jan on what would have been her 90th birthday - Saturday, February 13, 2027, location TBD. In lieu of flowers, the family recommends a donation to the Janet Mulder Memorial Scholarship PO Box 604 Jamul, CA 91935.

Upon her retirement from the regional planning group, the board noted: "Few people leave a community visibly better for their presence. Janet Mulder did exactly that, one meeting, one decision, and one act of service at a time." We know her legacy, in our community and in our community and in our hearts, will remain for generations.

Jamul - Dulzura Community Planning Group

By Eve Nasby

Your Voice, Your Community: Join the Jamul Dulzura Community Planning Group The Jamul Dulzura Community Planning Group (JDCPG) is looking for neighbors ready to shape the future of our community — and right now, we have five open seats waiting to be filled.

These vacancies come as several long-serving members retire or move out of the area after years of dedicated service. We're deeply grateful for their contributions, and now it's time to welcome new voices to carry the work forward. Why Join?

Shape what matters most. As a planning group member, you'll have a direct say in land use decisions, development proposals, road and infrastructure projects, and community character issues that affect your daily life and your neighbors' too.

Build real connections. Serving on the group means working alongside dedicated residents who care deeply about Jamul and Dulzura. It's a chance to build lasting relationships with people who share your commitment to this community.

Gain valuable experience. Members develop a working knowledge of county planning processes, public policy, and civic leadership — skills that carry over into countless other areas of life.

Leave a lasting mark. Decisions made by this group shape the landscape, safety, and character of Jamul and Dulzura for generations to come. Few volunteer roles offer this level of tangible, lasting impact. No special background required. You don't need to be a planner or policy expert — just a resident who cares about the community and is willing to show up, listen, and contribute thoughtful input. Meetings are open, collegial, and manageable in time commitment. If you've ever wanted a real seat at the table where local decisions get made, this is your moment. Interested? Email your interest to jdcpgchair@gmail.com. Tell us a little about yourself and why you'd like to serve — we'd love to hear from you. Jamul and Dulzura's future

Jamul - Dulzura

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 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 and are looking to fill them with people who are looking for a way to invest in their community.

If you are interested, please email jdcpgchair@gmail.com.

Come join us in making a difference for our communities.

1st and 3rd Tuesday 7:00

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

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

SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 Jamul Shopper Deadline - Tammy 619 669-1109

First Thursday Jamul Dulzura School Board meets 6:30 pm Jamul Learning Center (former JIS Library)

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

Sept 12 5:30 Kiwanis Event at Water Conservation Garden See Pg 5

GYMKHANA IS BACK: Jamul Community Riders Calendar:

Sept. 12 Gymkhana contact 619-890-0294

Sept. 26 Flat Open All Breed Show, contact Tera: 619-820-0410

Oct. 10 Flat Open All Breed Horse Show Contact Tera 619-820-0410

Oct 11 Kim Silva Memorial Gymkhana at Jamufest contact 619-890-0294

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Dec. 19 Gymkhana

St. Pius X Catholic Church Jamulfest October 11, 2026

Community Parade Sunday, October 11 9 am Start



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St. Pius X Catholic Church 63rd Jamulfest-Gymkhana 2026

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Jamulfest - Community Parade - Sunday, October 11

Theme: STARS, STRIPES & 250 YEARS

Line up Floats/Other: 7:00AM - District Office (1st Parking Lot)

Line up Animals: 7:30AM - Jamul Elementary (2nd Parking Lot)

JUDGING: 8:00AM - Late arrivals will not be judged

PARADE BEGINS: 9:00AM - Parade concludes at St. Pius X Arena

Trophy Categories: Mounted Individual, Mounted Group, Best Animal Representation, Float, Youth Group Float, Marching/Waking Unit, Unique or Classic Vehicle

QUESTIONS: CALL OR TEXT PARADE CHAIR, BARBARA GROESSL (805) 350-3745

Mail Form and \$20 Entry Fee Payable to Janul Kiwanis, P O Box 267, Jamul, CA 91935 (must be received by 10/8/26)

Print Name: _____ Cell No: _____

Email (please print clearly): _____

Entry Name: _____ Trophy Category: _____

All parade entries and participants hereby waive, release and hold harmless the Kiwanis Club of Greater Jamul and its Trustees, Officers, Agents, Heirs & Members from all claims of damage arising from participation in this Parade. I understand that it is my responsibility to advise members of my group or organization of this liability release.

DEERHORN VALLEY ANTLER

by Kim Hamilton - Lover of All Things Deerhorn

TIMING IS EVERYTHING—

How Facebook (META) Makes This Extreme Fire Season More Dangerous

Sometimes things happen at the worst possible moment. On August 7th, 2026 during the Beaver Fire on Skyline Truck Trail, the Deerhorn Community FB Page was suddenly prevented from posting the live map of evacuation zones and current status.

Why? META is looking for ways to "monetize" Facebook.

So they're testing out the possibilities, and our Community Page was mistakenly swept up in their "beta testing." We are now restricted from posting more than two "outside" links each month, including emergency sites such as WatchDuty, CalFire, NOAA Weather, and County Emergency Operations. METAs suggestion: Live with it, or "upgrade" to a new "tier" for \$500/month.

The META's notice popped up as I tried to post a link to Genasys mapping with realtime updates the affected evacuation zones and evacuation orders. Critical information.

The DV Community Page has *always* been fully accessible as a matter of policy. ANYONE can read or post comments under any post. No joining. No answering questions, no "membership pending" approvals.

SOME HISTORY: The Community Page [facebook.com/DeerhornValley] was created in 2009 after the 2007 Harris Fire that destroyed half the homes in Deerhorn. DVCA (a nonprofit 501c3), was the parent organization, and its primary purpose was:

Promoting a safe, inter-connected, and vibrant community

Fast-forward to August 2026: Our FB page was mistakenly swept up in META's current beta testing, and we were restricted from posting emergency links.

On 8/21/2026 we filed a formal Request for Review with META. We are also exploring and testing out workarounds to posting actual links to CalFire, WatchDuty, Sheriff, evacuation maps, road conditions, etc.

META is looking to make money by increasing the risks to people during wildfires.

And that's just wrong.

From WILDFIRES to FLOODS — You're in Deerhorn Country

And it never failed that during the dry years the people forgot about the rich years, and during the wet years they lost all memory of the dry years. It was always that way. —John Steinbeck, *East of Eden*, 1952

We've all heard the alerts to prepare for a possible Super El Nino this year. Unless you've been here a few decades, you likely don't know how 40 inches of rain might affect us (We've had at least two years with close to that much rain in my memory).

First of all, when heavy rains fall for days, the ground is saturated. The excess runs off and floods dips and valleys. There are three major places below DV Rd where the road can become impassible and completely isolate us:

★ The drainage at the bottom of DV Rd is prone to flooding and when that happens there is no safe way to reach Honey Springs Rd. Debris flow, trees and branches add to the blocking the underneath culvert.

★ The two Dips on Honey Springs below and above Mother Grundy TT. The water moves fast, and quite a few cars and pickups have been swept sideways.

NOTE: Mother Grundy Truck Trail comes out onto Honey Springs in *between* these two dips. Over the years we've put up folks who weren't able to get to their home on MGT until the water lowered and the road was cleared.

THE GREAT FLOOD OF 1916

Twenty inches of rain in January alone wreaked havoc in the San Diego backcountry. Olay Dam failed catastrophically. The earthen edges of Sweetwater Dam collapsed. The following appears in *Pioneering in Dulzura* by Dorothy Schmid:

Up to January 20, 1916, there had been rainfall for nearly a month with streams full from bank to bank and the ground filled to saturation everywhere... When the new storm began five days later, hills could absorb no more and the earth gave way, with its weight of brush and boulders...

The structures near the banks all went, and wells were filled or washed away in the awesome flood. The noise from the boulders as they crashed by was terrific... the roaring torrent which poured down the rapid descent to be joined by Pringle Canyon from Bratton Valley and Sycamore Canyon...

...the stream which was normally a swift brook in the rainy season, became a muddy torrent bearing great live oaks on its crest...



Not so silly question: Could it happen again?

DEERHORN NOOKS & CRANNIES

— Map Under Construction —

Last month I shared a number of suggestions from DV'ers called *DEERHORN WORDS OF WISDOM*. Folks who called have Deerhorn Valley home—for months, years, or decades shared their experiences.

So I asked again, and Karen Thomason made this invaluable suggestion:

I wish that we had a map of all the different areas and reference points in Jamul. It took a while to learn what people meant when they referred to 'The Spices', Bratton Valley, Bee Valley, Lee Valley, Lawson Valley, 4-Corners, etc.

Some years back, I thought the same—I was doing Antler Alerts by email at the time and realized there were many DV place-names that were common among locals, but never appeared on any map. That was a long while back. But lo and behold, the map file was there in the bowels of my old computer.

It's not a map of Jamul proper (that's a much bigger undertaking)—but it's Deerhorn Valley. Like most of the Outer Jamul areas, our roads are unpaved and typically unnamed. Ditto for the boulders, dips, and other landmarks.

I'll post the map in its current form right here in The Shopper. Send questions, ideas or suggestions to:

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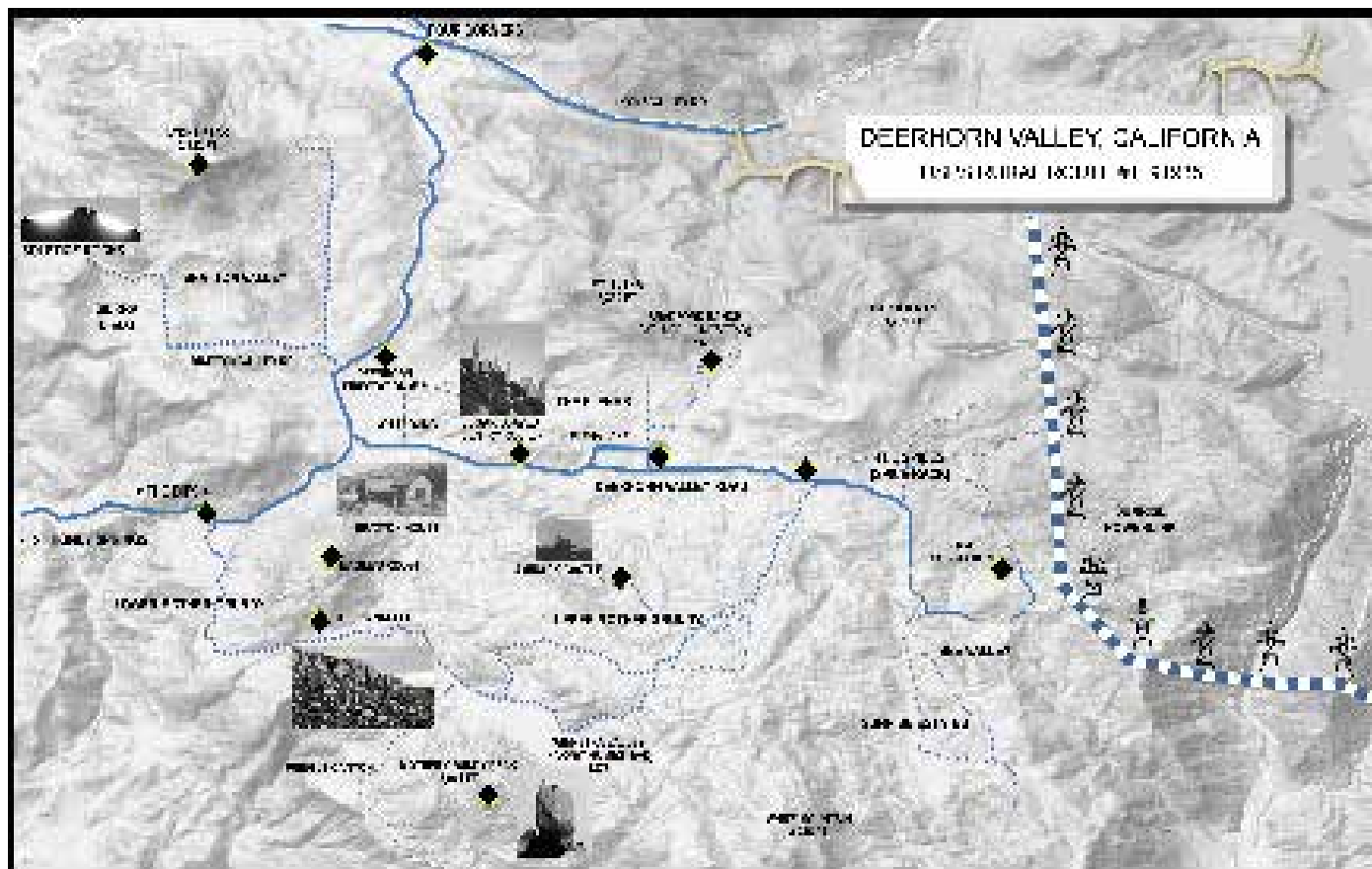
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Editors Note: Back in 2013 Eric Grant wrote an article that is timely today. Reprinting from August 2013.

Some time ago I told you about my business class at UCLA in 1951, a long time ago. The class was Business Statistics. At that time, we had a project which identified the most efficient and effective ways to remember telephone numbers in ads. We studied repeating the phone number once, twice, up to five times in a one minute ad. My recollection is that three times is the most efficient process. To this day I listen to ads and almost without exception they repeat a phone number three times during a one minute ad.

The reason I bring this up is that some time ago I expressed my concern for the political activities going at the present time. Which, I believe is looking more like a Marxist Socialism system than our "good old" democratic way of life or of freedom. I believe this new Marxist system is slowly but surely creeping into our society. And it scares me.

I have from time to time, the historian that I think I am, revisit works of literature, political documents and the like. Recently I decided to reread the "Communist Manifesto".

I also read an article by someone who states his article is: "A Layman's Look at the Communist Manifesto". It was very enlightening and I urge you to go to the website www.lewroclwell.com/2001/07/john-keller/ Please read this summary that I got from google about what socialism is and how it is like a cancer in our society. Please notice the similarities of today's happenings.

The following are ten points listing the measures of Marxist-Socialism - see the similarities of what is happening today.

The 10 Measures of Communism

1. Abolition of property in land and application of all rents of land to public purpose.

2. A heavy progressive or graduated income tax.

3. Abolition of all rights of inheritance.

4. Confiscation of the property of all emigrants and rebels.

5. Centralization of credit in the banks of the state, by means of a national bank with state capital and an exclusive monopoly.

6. Centralization of the means of communication and transport in the hands of the state.

7. Extension of factories and instruments of production owned by the state; the bringing into cultivation of waste lands, and the improvement of the soil generally in accordance with a common plan.

8. Equal obligation of all to work. Establishment of industrial armies, especially for agriculture.

9. Combination of agriculture with manufacturing industries; gradual abolition of all the distinction between town and country by a more equable distribution of the populace over the country.

10. Free education for all children in public schools. Abolition of children's factory labor in its present form. Combination of education with industrial production, etc.

If you take a moment to compare these directives with what is happening today and the beliefs that are being expressed by certain groups in America, they appear to be similar. The communist speaks in terms of oppressed and oppressor, guilty rich, and noble worker. Sound familiar?

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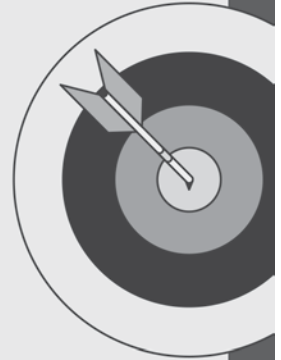
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Hello and Welcome Back to School!

By the time you read this, the school year will be in full swing! Thank you for entrusting us with your wonderful children and for partnering with us with their education. The first day of school was such a joy, and it was wonderful to see so many smiling faces back on our campuses. I may have been deep inside the JES campus, but I could have sworn I heard dancing and singing in the parking lot after Ms. Robinson announced that school had officially begun! 🎉

On behalf of our School Board, I invite you to join us at our next meeting on September 3. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet our new teachers, hear about what is happening across our campuses, and learn more about the PTO's plans and events for the year ahead.

I'm also excited to share that we received a grant to support additional after-school activities for our TK-5 students. Ms. Robinson and her team are currently working on these new offerings, and we look forward to sharing more details soon. Thank you to our families for adjusting so smoothly to the new sign-in and sign-out system. Your cooperation is an important part of helping us maintain our ASES grant funding.

And to our OGMS families—we haven't forgotten about you! We are also working on a grant to support additional opportunities for our middle school students. Keep your fingers crossed!

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Back to School and Full of Jamul Spirit!

Welcome back to another wonderful school year at Jamul Elementary! We are excited to welcome our returning families and those joining us for the first time. Our staff spent the summer preparing classrooms and planning engaging lessons for a successful year ahead. We are grateful to have you as part of #TeamJamul! and look forward to an amazing year together.

One of the most exciting additions to our campus is the brand-new JES Cheer team! These enthusiastic students have already brought tremendous school spirit to Kinder Round Up, Meet the Teacher, the first day of school, and Back-to-School Night. Be sure to cheer them on at the Jamul Quince Parade and our Fall Festival! A special thank-you goes to Ms. Neb for leading the team, along with Ms. Karynne and Mrs. Deyonce for their support.

Speaking of the Fall Festival, mark your calendars! Join us at Jamul Elementary on Friday, October 30, from 5:00-7:00 PM for family fun, games, food, and festive activities. It is always a howling good time, and we hope to see you there.

Our talented students are also preparing for the year's school musical, *Seawhale Jr.* Performances will take place December 10 and 11 at 8:00 PM. Keep an eye on the Shopper for ticket information because... it's SHOWTIME!

While there is plenty of fun happening on campus, student learning remains at the heart of everything we do. Our teachers provide high-quality instruction designed to meet the needs of every learner. In reading, LHI Foundations and Heggarty Phonemic Awareness help students build essential phonics, listening, and sound-manipulation skills. Teachers also use assessment data to provide targeted small-group learning instruction, so every student receives the support and challenge they need to grow.

Through Writers' Workshop, students learn to think like authors as they develop ideas, strengthen their writing skills, and share their voices across a variety of genres.

Thank you for partnering with us to make Jamul Elementary such a special place to learn, grow, and belong. And remember—it is never too late to join #TeamJamul! Families interested in learning more about our school are encouraged to call the school office to schedule a tour and discover what makes Jamul Elementary an exceptional place for students to thrive.

By Yesenia Robinson



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**Our Next School Board Meeting is
September 3, 2026, 6:30 PM in the JDUSD Learning Center.**



Community News

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We also still have openings available in our preschool program. Families interested in learning more are encouraged to visit our website, stop by the District Office, or visit the preschool program directly.

I wish all our students, families, and staff a wonderful 2026–2027 school year. Enjoy the upcoming three-day weekend, and I look forward to seeing your children—and your smiling faces—around our campuses throughout the year.

Warmly,

Liz Bystedt
Superintendent

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Eagles Take Flight: A New Year Begins

We had a wonderful start to the new school year at Oak Grove Middle School! Our campus is once again filled with energy and excitement as we welcome back our returning students and families and extend a special welcome to those joining the OGMS community for the first time.



Our newest students kicked off their middle school journey by participating in our annual Eagle Ceremony, a special OGMS tradition that celebrates this exciting new chapter. We are also incredibly proud of our student leaders, who helped facilitate New Student Orientation and are preparing to serve as mentors, supportive leaders, and positive role models for our incoming 6th-grade students.

We are equally excited to welcome our new teachers to the OGMS family! They bring fresh ideas, enthusiasm, and a strong commitment to helping every student feel supported, challenged, and connected. We look forward to seeing the positive impact they will make in our classrooms and throughout our school community.

As the year gets underway, we remain committed to helping students grow academically and personally through engaging curriculum, extracurricular opportunities, leadership experiences, and memorable school events. Middle school is a time of tremendous growth and discovery, and we are excited to support our students as they build confidence, develop new skills, form lasting friendships, and become the best versions of themselves.

Here's to a successful, memorable, and exciting year ahead of OGMS. Let's soar, Eagles!

By Dr. Minerva Salas



New Beginnings Are Blooming at GSDA

We are excited to welcome our students, families, and staff back for another wonderful school year!

This year, we are especially excited about some beautiful additions to our school grounds. Our new playground is ready for students to enjoy, providing a fun and welcoming space to play, explore, and connect with friends. In fact, our staff couldn't resist trying it out themselves during their first days back for professional development, a fun way to kick off the new school year!

We are also thrilled with the beautiful new fence surrounding our school garden and outdoor classroom. These spaces give students the opportunity to learn beyond the classroom walls, exploring nature, gardening, and enjoying hands-on learning in the outdoors.

We are grateful to everyone who helped make these improvements possible and proud to provide spaces where our students can learn, play, and grow. We look forward to a fantastic school year ahead!

By Catherine Ann



Memories of Jamul

By Dave Beekman

The last few working years of my life were spent helping real people solve real problems. Which has been more rewarding than I ever had in 25 years in the failed Savings and Loan industry and ten or so in Aerospace. Before Social Security and old age caught up with me.

While working part time at the Hardware store I still had time on my hands so I started applying online to the New Store in Town...Tractor Supply. It took them about two years to bring me in for a new position they had created.. "Door Greeter". Sounded like a Walmart kind of job but I needed more to do with my off time, so I took the part time weekend job of "Door Greeter" and hoped for the best. I spent my first two weeks enduring all kinds of training like "How to Pick Up Chic" (which had nothing to do with singles dating) and something they called 'GURA'. Sounds like what the US Marines say when they charge up a mountain. But what it really means is Greet the Customer, Understand what they want, Recommend a solution utilizing Tractor Supply products and Ask for the sale. GURA. This all sounds quite natural for a Sales course but it was a mantra at TSC. Some of the finest T-shirts I still own have GURA printed on them but I just wear 'em at home as my neighbors don't know what that means when I sweep the driveway.

My first days on the job were quite challenging. Besides having to mop the floors after the dog bath customers left, we were in the middle of Covid and the mask thing was going on. We even handed out masks to those who did not have one, or want one. One lady asked me why I was wearing a mask. I told her it was because of my double chin.

I'm sure you all remember the stories for covid cures going around. Tractor supply had horse medicines and one of them contained Ivermectin. You wouldn't believe how many customers all of a sudden "had a sick horse at home". We kept Ivermectin in a locked cabinet.

Another challenging time for me as a Door Greeter was my Hardware customers from across

the street used to come in and accuse me of being a "Traitor.". Jokingly of course,I hope. I'd just tell them I was supplementing my Social Security.

Last but not Least, the favorite thing I got to do was sell baby chicks. If the buyers had children I always made them name the chicks before I put them in the box to go home. Lola and Lolita were favorite names the chicks were given. We were not supposed to have any roosters and some customers wanted me to 'sex' their chicks. Sorry folks... that's beyond my pay grade.

Well, all good things must come to an end so when a new manager tried to get me to fill propane gas tanks as part of my job, I told him "Tanks but NO Tanks."

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



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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, 619 504-7467 Sunday 10 AM, Worship, Sun. School, Wed. Services (all ages) 7 PM, & Youth (Jr./Sr.)

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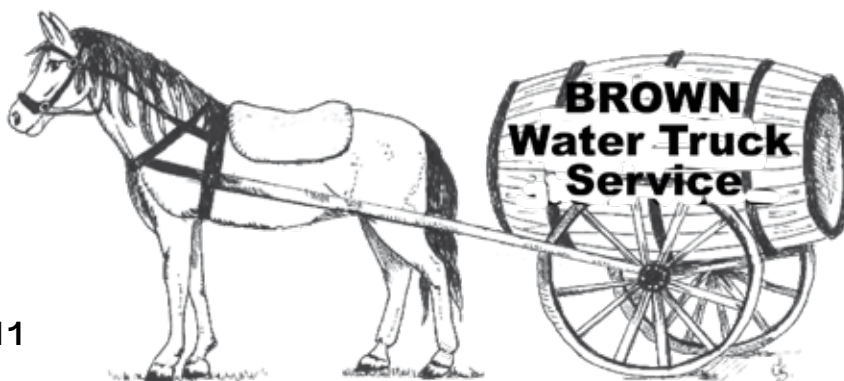
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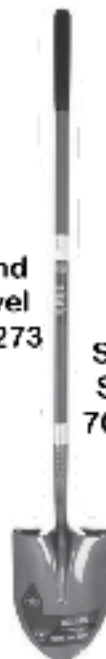


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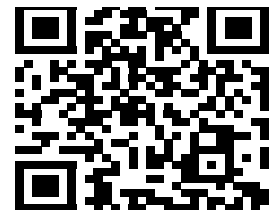
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