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The 278 kW Lower Moosa Canyon photo-voltaic solar array.

## Lower Moosa Canyon treatment plant VCMWD adds eighth solar array

Early May 2023, the Valley Center Municipal Water District brought on-line its 8th Photovoltaic Solar Array at the Lower Moosa Canyon Water Reclamation Facility (Moosa) located near Circle R Drive and Old 395.

Rated at 278 kW, the Moosa solar array will generate over 415,000 kWh of solar energy at a current projected savings of just over \$68,000 per year. This represents a power cost savings at the wastewater reclamation facility of 68.5% compared to the current annual energy cost of \$100,000, and 6.35% in the overall operational cost of the plant operations.

Built under Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), the array was planned, designed, constructed, and maintained by a third party, SunRenu. The district will buy all of the power from the array over a 25-year period, with net savings compared to purchasing it from

SDG&E going to the district.

Three years in development, "Moosa" is the eighth solar array in the district's fleet of renewable energy facilities. It joins seven other arrays, ranging in size from 1.1 Mwgt at Lake Turner to two, 30 kW units at the Cobb Reservoir and MJM Pump Station, spread over the district's service area helping to power its 29 pump stations. Six of the district's seven solar arrays (except Lake Turner) were designed, built, and brought online by district in-house technical and construction personnel.

Moosa will be the first to offset power costs at a wastewater reclamation facility.

Since the inception of the program, the district's solar assets have generated 28.5 million kilowatt hours of

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Roy Rutherford, VCMWD pumps, motors, facility and fleets supervisor and Ash Padilla of SunRenu, energize the 278 kW Solar Array at the Lower Moosa Canyon Water Reclamation Facility (Moosa) owned and operated by the Valley Center MWD, located near Circle R Drive and Old Highway 395.

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## Valley Center's biggest weekend is almost here!

By DAVID ROSS

Although Valley Center's biggest weekend, the Western Days parade and festival, is arriving amidst an extended period of May and June gloom, the mood among volunteers is anything but gloomy! They are preparing to bring residents a rousing parade, a rip-roaring Guns & Hoses Chili Cook-off, the climax to the Honorary Mayor's race, topped off by what is probably the largest festival ever. At the festival grounds on Lilac Road there will be a first ever Car Corral, a celebration of classic and every other kind of car.

That parade will be led by hometown girl Morgan Leigh, a country western sensation who is this year's parade Grand Marshal. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. and should be over before noon. The parade will begin on Cole Grade at the County yards, turn right on Valley Center Road and continue to Old Road, although some car and horse entries will turn right onto Lilac.

Just make sure that you get yourself in place to enjoy the parade by being along Valley Center Road by about 8:30 a.m. when the roads close. There will be six announcers spread along the parade route to increase your enjoyment by giving you facts and details about each of the entries. They include Tabitha Martin, Craig Adams, David Ross, Charles & Marsi Carr (which count as one,) Jamie Zeller and Oliver Smith. Pick out your favorite and bring along a camp chair if you are inclined to take it easy. There will be many floats and walking units.

Before the parade Valley Center Trails is sponsoring the 5K running and walking event along the parade route. You can show up and sign up.

Also before the parade, get yourself a hearty pancake breakfast in the parking

lot of Valley Towne Centre (the same center as the deli and *The Hidden Meadows News* office) where the Rotary Club of Valley Center and a dedicated group of volunteers will serve up pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage and orange juice, among other items. It's all fresh and hot off the griddle.

*The Hidden Meadows News* spoke to Laura Gordon, president of the Western Days board and parade coordinator, who shared that a countywide infection of a horse virus called VSV is cutting into the equine entries for the parade. "More than half of the equine units could be affected," said Gordon. "We have definitely lost at least half and it may be more than that. Our Escondido Mounted Posse will be walking with the colors. They will be the 'non-mounted' posse due to the disease." In addition, the rodeo queen and the VC Vaqueros will be riding on floats instead of mounted.

Gordon estimated that as of now the number of parade entries are in the '80s, with a few more being expected. Of course, they don't encourage last minute parade entries as that creates organizational problems. But some late comers usually do slip through. In fact, that's almost a given.

As of this writing, the biggest challenge was rounding up some convertibles to provide parade rides for the Miss Valley Center queens and princesses.

Allow a few minutes after the last entry goes by for the road to clear and for CHP to reopen the roads.

New features at the festival, which is again being held at the Valley Center Municipal Water District property on Lilac Road, are the car show and the blood drive. "We tried to have a car show at the festival last year, but we had issues,"

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### JUNE HIDDEN MEADOWS EVENTS

SELLER'S FAIRE  
June 4th, 10 am - 2 pm  
Lower Parking Lot - Golf Club House

MEET AND GREAT WITH  
COMMUNITY MEMBERS  
June 10th, 8am - 11am  
The Market at Hidden Meadows  
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APPRECIATION NIGHT  
June 14th 6pm ~ 10pm  
Side Yard Public House  
10326 Meadow Glen Way E

HM COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE  
June 24th, 8am ~ 2pm  
See ad inside



David Roberts and Tom Green repairing the roof on the shed

## Lending a Hand

By Linda Collins / Resident

On a pleasant Friday morning in May, Randy Mitchell, David Roberts and Tom and Ginger Green lent a hand to the Escondido Creek Conservancy to repair a tool shed. A huge rock, as tall as the shed, rolled up against the cement block wall of the shed damaging the roof in the process. The volunteers along with staff opened up the roof to repair it and found it was going to be a bigger job than anticipated. The support beams had dry rot. They cut out the dry rot, installed new sections of support beams and, then, got to the roof repair. They also installed a new vent screen to keep critters and bees out of the structure. The project took longer than expected so the door still needs repair and repainting. And there is a list of other projects such as installing a sprinkler system in the nursery and tearing down what's left of an old

structure that housed workers for the avocado grove. That grove is now gone and the Conservancy is working to restore that land to native habitat.

When the shed repair is complete, it will be stocked with tools for the Working Wednesday Weed Team. The Weed Team works weekly on Wednesdays pulling non-native plants and weeds, starting and nurturing new natives in the Mountain Meadows Preserve Nursery, and restoring areas to native habitat. Soon the Wednesday team will be collecting seeds from natives for propagation in the nursery or directly in the field.

The repair/demolition/sprinkler team works occasional Fridays.

We can use more help! Want to volunteer? Email [linda\\_j\\_collins@sbcglobal.net](mailto:linda_j_collins@sbcglobal.net)

The 693-acre Mountain Meadows Preserve, here



Linda Collins, Meredith Kifer and Karen Soriano

## Take a Hike!

By Linda Collins / Resident  
The May hike offered by the Escondido Creek Conservancy was up at Harmony Heights. It is a private

preserve area that is not open to the public, so it was really cool to get in there. Our guide, Leonard Wittwer,

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in Hidden Meadows, is home to The Escondido Creek Conservancy (Conservancy) headquarters. This preserve was acquired in partnership with San Diego County Parks and Recreation and the Navy/Camp Pendleton.

With about 10 staff members, the Conservancy is staffed lightly for a very big job, protecting 3,000 acres throughout the Escondido Creek watershed and annually providing outdoor education programs to thousands of children and adults. The office will be the home base for all Conservancy staff, including those who are in the field a lot of the time taking care of nature and providing outdoor education programs for Escondido students.

The Escondido Creek Conservancy: [escondidocreek.org](http://escondidocreek.org)

Mommy, Simona told me that sellers who price and market their home competitively shouldn't have a problem finding a buyer.

**MARKET TRENDS**  
Average Sold Price: \$995,385

**MARKET TRENDS**  
Average Days on Market: 34

Yes, that's because there are more buyers out there than there are homes for sale.

Our neighbors are still receiving multiple offers and selling for over the asking price!

**MARKET TRENDS**  
Average Sold vs List Price: 99%

## What is happening in HIDDEN MEADOWS

### Market Report

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Address	BD/BA/SF	Listing/Selling Price
<b>ACTIVE</b>		
Indian Creek Way	4/2.5/2,790	\$969,000
Sage Hill Way	3/2.5/4,377	\$1,049,000
Meadow Oak Lane	3/2.5/2,443	\$1,200,000
<b>SOLD</b>		
28409 Glenmeade Way	3/2/2,195	\$910,000
10664 Aspen Gln	5/3/3,241	\$1,050,000
28729 Willow Park Road	3/2.5/3,313	\$1,500,000

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**BOOK REVIEW - By Lynn Clark**

Jacqueline Winspear's new novel "The White Lady" did not disappoint me. After reading the Maisie Dobbs' books for years and years, I could only hope that while she seemed to be ending that series she would come up with something special for her next undertaking. I guess we will only know when her next book comes out if this one is a standalone novel, or if she plans on going forward with this character. She is still staying with her formula of using the background of England during the war years with a single woman caught up in the chaos of the times.

"The White Lady" by Jacqueline Winspear

In 1914 when Elinor De Witt was 10 years old, she tried to flee along with her sister and mother to England before the invasion of Belgium by Germany. Her father had already enlisted in the army, and he urged his family to leave as quickly as possible. Boarding a train for the coast and hoping to find passage on a boat heading for England, they suddenly are stranded when the train stops. Walking for miles they finally reach the coast only to find that all the boats are full, and they have to return home.

Thus begins the story of a 10 year old child and her sister that are recruited by a woman named Isabelle to help gain information about the German occupiers. They are used as observers and lookouts for troop and equipment movements on the trains crossing the country. As the years pass they receive more instruction and assignments. Elinor advances quickly while her sister resists the additional training. By the time Elinor is 14, she has learned how to shoot a gun and hit a target, and the assignments she is asked to fulfill become more dangerous.

This novel will capture the experience of war seen through the eyes of an innocent child, and her later emergence as a skilled covert operative that is eventually involved in both wars. When she leaves the service she settles in England in small village seeking peace and anonymity; but what she finds is a dangerous situation with new enemies and old tainted colleagues.

I don't think you will be disappointed in this book.

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said Gordon. This time the issues were taken care of and Richard "Roscoe" Tanner, who belongs to five area car clubs and is president of Heartbeat Classics of North San Diego County, put together the Car Corral that could bring hundreds of beautiful cars to VC.

There are more than 100 vendors this year, said Gordon.

There will also be a blood drive by San Diego Blood Bank, which will take place amidst the car show from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Another change from past years: "The Guns & Hoses Chili Cook off will be on the festival grounds instead of the fire station across the street. The cooking contest will all be under one tent, the change in venue means more room for more cooks, as well as keeping all Western Days activities in one central location," said Gordon. It costs \$20 to be a chili cook and \$5 to sample the chili.

This will also allow those attending the chili cook-off to enjoy the live music that will be performing Friday night, and also on Saturday after the parade. "We have good headliner bands, including Sarah Petit on Friday and Morgan Leigh on Saturday." She added, "Morgan is Valley Center home grown, which is why we are proud to have her as the grand marshal of the parade."

Gordon was very grateful to the event's title sponsor. "We definitely want to thank the Rincon

tribe for being our title sponsor. The Rincon tribal council was awarded the Spirit of the Community last week and will be riding in the parade.

"It's a great event that brings the community together," said Gordon. "We hope the new residents come out as well. It's always a fun two days."

Questions about Western Days? Visit [WesternDays.org](http://WesternDays.org).

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clean, renewable power and saved the District and its ratepayers over \$1.5 million in energy costs and state solar rebates. In the process, the district has offset almost 9,200 metric tons of CO2 generation.

Finally, the district sells its "Renewable Energy Credits" generated by the arrays to the open market.

Next in line is the 172 kW Corporate Facility Array, anticipated to generate 290,000 kWh annually, to offset the power costs at the district administrative and operations ("corporate") center. Also, in process for three years, this "PPA" project has been impacted by material, equipment, and labor shortages. It is now anticipated that the corporate array will be completed, up and running by the end of 2023.

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is Chairman of the Board of Directors and extremely knowledgeable about the land, plants, and animals in the area.

We learned a lot about the history of the Conservancy, which is now 32 years old. Leonard pointed out areas that they would like to see preserved and areas that are not currently at risk but could be in the future. An example of that is the Miriam Mountain land that the Golden Door purchased. IF, someday, the Golden Door was sold or they decided they could no longer hold the Miriam Mountain land, it could be sold... and that could be to a developer. The Conservancy watches these things and, working with their various partners, tries to find ways to preserve these lands.

In addition to the amazing views and stories about protecting the land, we learned a lot about native plants and some invasive ones. We saw some Cardinal Catchfly's with their bright red flowers and monkey flowers, which are also red. There were various types of Phacelia. My favorite is the Phacelia grandiflora with its 1-1.5" purple flowers. We saw Death camas whose lovely white flowers are poisonous. And Dainty little skullcap was all along the route.

We were near the Coco's fire area and saw some striking images of burned out manzanita groves sticking out of the new post-fire growth. An interesting note is that there is very little non-native plants or weeds in the area that burned in contrast to the adjoining areas where the non-native growth has invaded.

I was joined on this hike by my friends and neighbors, Meredith Kifer and Karen Soriano. We had a wonderful morning roaming the hills. We managed to reserve spots on the June hike, which is already full! We will be exploring Meisha Canyon!

For more information on the Escondido Creek Conservancy, see their website at [Escondidocreek.org](http://Escondidocreek.org)

**Super Crossword**

**WHERE DID IT GO?**

- |  |   |  |                               |   |                              |
|--|---|--|-------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>  | 45 Biblical land with a queen           | 92 Positively charged                              | 6 Check endorser              | 43 Neck cover                           | 87 Yemen city                |
| 1 Cover again, as a gift   | 50 "Say it — so, Joe!"                  | 101 Is defined as very quickly?                    | 7 "Pipe down!"                | 44 Make a pick                          | 88 "Of course, Señor!"       |
| 7 Styly spiteful   | 51 Cuts into small cubes                | 97 One may shout "Out!"                            | 8 Crunchable muscles          | 46 Neighbors of Navajos                 | 91 Spanish for "south"       |
| 12 The "E" of NEA: Abbr.   | 52 Chi preceder                         | 100 Brutish types                                  | 9 Upsilon preceder            | 47 Ideal garden                         | 93 Skin feature              |
| 16 "Hulk" director — Lee   | 55 Landfill woe                         | 101 Is defined as                                  | 10 Mao — tung                 | 48 Tennis' Björn                        | 94 Grade A item              |
| 19 R&B singer Keys   | 56 Classic autos                        | 102 Groups with no university teachers as members? | 11 "It's true"                | 49 Military force                       | 95 Slice of history          |
| 20 Degrade   | 57 Made in the manner of                | 110 Sector   | 12 Gives forth                | 53 Cat sound                            | 96 "Star Wars" queen         |
| 21 Bite-size Nabisco treat   | 58 Hairdo for folks going after prey?   | 111 Hipsters' talk                                 | 13 Quaint paper copies        | 54 Really liking                        | 98 Rum cocktail              |
| 23 Actress Swank comes next?                                       | 59 — Reader (alternative magazine)      | 112 Roman poet                                     | 14 Hazardous                  | 58 "Hiya"                               | 99 Xanax maker               |
| 25 "That's been canceled"  | 60 De — (anew)                          | 113 Shrink   | 15 Org. in "Homeland"         | 59 — Reader (alternative magazine)      | 102 Tennis' Rafael           |
| 26 Large truck   | 61 Cur's sound                          | 115 Thing  | 16 Eatery lure                | 60 De — (anew)                          | 103 Maine university city    |
| 27 Singer — James  | 62 Detroit-to-Nashville dir.            | 123 Aardvark lookalike                             | 17 Israeli desert             | 61 Cur's sound                          | 104 Pond creatures           |
| 28 Sign of good or ill   | 63 "Mr. —" (1983 hit for Styx)          | 124 Bring to mind                                  | 18 Stupid or thuggish         | 62 Detroit-to-Nashville dir.            | 105 Window part              |
| 29 Disobeys established rules on how to make and serve meat sauce? | 64 Other, to Tomás                      | 125 Bit of ado                                     | 22 — about (circa)            | 63 "Mr. —" (1983 hit for Styx)          | 106 Open to view             |
| 37 Shaped like a bagel   | 65 Great asset                          | 126 Part of UCLA                                   | 24 Mime duo?                  | 64 Other, to Tomás                      | 107 Divided into districts   |
| 38 "What —!" ("How dull!")   | 66 Ropy                                 | 127 Ship's left                                    | 27 Fancy jug                  | 65 Great asset                          | 108 Batting stat             |
| 39 Ship locale   | 67 Sun blockers worn while on vacation? | 128 Keyed in                                       | 29 Fishing rowboats           | 66 Ropy                                 | 109 Slight fights            |
| 40 Donkey serving morning meals?                                   | 72 Ireland's longest river              | 129 Biting writing                                 | 30 Before this time, to bards | 67 Sun blockers worn while on vacation? | 114 Enervate                 |
|  | 75 Events for bulldoggers               |  | 31 Royal decrees              | 68 Dad's bro                            | 115 "— me go!"               |
|  | 76 Cut grass                            |  | 32 Abhorrence                 | 69 Wrench, e.g.                         | 116 It climbs walls          |
|  | 79 Business that makes flag holders?    |  | 33 Fades away                 | 70 "This one's —" ("I'll buy")          | 117 Do a floor job           |
|  | 81 Join together                        |  | 34 Coach Holtz                | 71 "The battle —"                       | 118 "I Like —" ('50s slogan) |
|  | 84 Lion growth                          |  | 35 Part of ETA: Abbr.         | 72 Rotated                              | 119 Abridge                  |
|  | 85 "— further review ..."               |  | 36 Sedan liquid               | 73 Expect                               | 120 Angle lead-in            |
|  | 86 Grassy area                          |  | 37 Some ski lifts             | 74 Emollient plant                      | 121 Bobby of the rink        |
|  | 87 In harmony                           |  | 41 Rx org.                    | 76 "Maid" of Robin Hood                 | 122 Dark deli loaf           |
|  | 89 Met solo                             |  | 42 Bring pain to Area city)   | 77 Kin of leeks                         |                              |
|  | 90 Must-haves                           |  |                               | 78 Gets off the bottle                  |                              |
|  |   |  |                               | 80 Faux follower                        |                              |
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|  |   |  |                               | 82 H.S. class                           |                              |
|  |   |  |                               | 83 Winter mo.                           |                              |
|  |   |  |                               | 84 San — (Bay Area city)                |                              |
|  |   |  |                               | 88 Neighbors of Navajos                 |                              |
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|  |   |  |                               | 122 Dark deli loaf                      |                              |

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**Rankin plants: Sylvia and Neil Rankin. A family that plants together stays together.**



**Chuck Crandall waiting for tacos - Cocina Los Nanos**



**Brian Matusek The Treasure Connector**

## MAY SELLER'S FAIRE

**By Michelle Zipse and E.M. Trivoli / Residents**

It was a perfect So Cal day for our most recent Seller's Faire, with more than 60 vendors participating. I made the rounds and visited many of the booths personally. One of the stand-outs, with a really unique booth, was Brian Matusek aka "The Treasure Connector". He had old military uniforms and, when I say OLD, I mean, like, civil war old. There were old coins as well. That's the first time I've seen someone at the Seller's Faire dealing in old coins. Brian describes himself as someone who deals in antiques, militarism, gems and minerals. Some of his wares were truly treasures.

Another vendor who stuck with

me is Rankin plants, owned by Neil and his wife Sylvia. Their motto is, "A family that plants together stays together." Sylvia is one of those people who leaves an impression. Interacting with her customers on Sunday, she was so full of smiles and enthusiasm; no one would guess that she's battling leukemia. On this beautiful day she was putting all that behind her to spread her love and light with Hidden Meadows. If you missed Rankin plants this time, make a note for the June 4th Seller's Faire; they will be back!

Did you get a chance to try out the food truck? Cocina Los Nanos served authentic Mexican tacos, tortas and other great stuff. Owner Tita Santiago wants everyone to



**Christina Stendle of Sweet Cheeks with her son and husband.**

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Pat Tanabe, Doreen Trottier and Mary Jurgensen working the International Bake Sale



Michelle Zipse, Beth Klein and Vickey Ciarlanti working the bake sale with an International flair.

know that their truck is on the other side of the bridge (next to the Arco station on Deer Springs) most days of the week.

Several Hidden Meadows neighbors had booths at this Faire: Christina Stendle was back with her yummy homemade baked treats. Lisa Saget was there with her jewelry, and George Stanopoulos was showcasing his pine cone owls and homemade cork trivets. Local artist and illustrator Jacquie Hughes was there selling whimsical artwork and jewelry. She also teaches classes. Lisa and Jacquie are members of the Hidden Meadows Women's Social Group.

The International Bake Sale - brain child of Julie Brooks - was a huge hit. Julie donated locally grown avocados from her very own farm here in Hidden Meadows. There were delicious

cookies and pastries from around the world, with recipes from Mexico, Puerto Rico, France, Germany, Italy and Russia to name a few. Vickey Ciarlanti and Beth Klein dressed up in hand-sewn Middle Eastern (Afghanistan) dresses which were donated to be sold. They added a truly international flair as they walked around selling baked goods. All of this added up to the MOST SUCCESSFUL bake sale yet! A lot of money was raised for the Foundation which provides: Scholarship, beautification, Neighbor assistance and Events to Hidden Meadows. Thanks to everyone who baked and worked to make it a success!

Another "win" for the day, was the electronics recycling area. Doesn't it feel good to get rid of things that plug in... but don't work anymore? We filled a truck with e-waste; which will be re-

cycled or re-used. Good job Hidden Meadows.

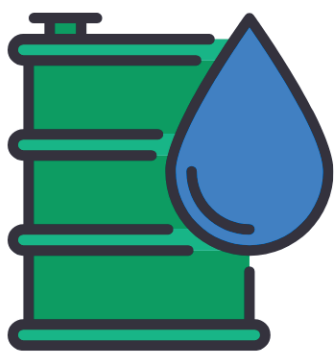
Thé Assistance League was taking clothing and small household item donations. This is an organization that serves San Diego North County. They fun El donations of household items to the good people who need them. They hauled away many carloads of useful things for our local north county foster kids among others.

The next Seller's Faire is Sunday June 4th: Same Bat time (10 am -12 pm), Same Bat channel (lower parking lot of the clubhouse). If you'd like more information - or would like to get involved - the email is hmsellersfaire@gmail.com.

Thanks, and a Big SHOUT OUT to all our volunteers. It takes a village to get things done and we are happy you're in ours!

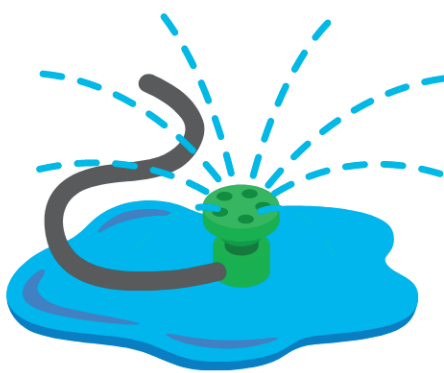
## Avoid FALLING BACK into Old **WATER** Use Habits

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Szilvia on the 2nd floor of the Home Smart building.

## Who's Who ... What's What?

Curious Finds: The People and Places of Hidden Meadows

By: E.M. Trivoli and Michelle Zipse / Residents

A new feature: When we discover interesting people or places in the Community, we'll tell you about it!

When I meet new people in our Community, usually the first question that comes up is ... where do you live? Or more specifically, when you get to the 4-Way Stop (if you go that way...), do you make a left, a right or go straight? Me personally... I make a right, and I've always wondered about

that white building on the left, in front of the Market / Side Yard Public House. Have you wondered, as well, what's on the top level of the Home Smart Building? I've looked at that building so many times but really didn't know "What's What" up there. So Michelle and I decided to check it out.

Well, to our surprise, we learned that there's a Day Spa up there! Right here in Hidden Meadows. It's a tranquil little respite, called Studio Beaute. The owner - Szilvia Costanza - was a little

surprised to see us but she welcomed us graciously and gave us a quick tour. We learned that Szilvia (a licensed Esthetician), had been coming to the Meadows for years - to spend time with a friend - and was always impressed by the tranquil beauty of our area. So, she took the leap and "set up shop" here in Hidden Meadows. Voila, Studio Beaute was born.

It's such a relaxing spot to take a breather... and pause for a personal moment of peace. Szilvia focuses on natural skin care; mainly facials and waxing. Her philosophy's built around using the highest quality products to refresh and restore; bringing out the natural health and beauty of your skin.

Michelle and I got to talking and guess what? She'd NEVER had a facial! Szilvia had an opening so Michelle was game. She had no idea what to expect and - as a newbie - she wanted a run down about how this treatment went. But she relaxed, and trusted the process (and the professional) and after

an hour her skin was hydrated, shining and healthy. She feels like Szilvia took off "5 years from my neck, face and decollete".

We both found Szilvia to be very knowledgeable about health and wellness, and we talked about a lot of health-related topics. She shares the space with two other professionals; a massage therapist and a lash technician. We learned a little bit about these other services too; we didn't know much about massage techniques and lash extensions, but we do now!

So that's the "Who's Who ... What's What" for this issue. We think we've discovered something pretty special at the top of the stairs! If you'd like to know more about facials, beauty and skin treatments, reach out to Szilvia at 858-405-8150. Or... do what we did. Go check it out. She will be happy to show you her little "peace" of paradise, above the Home Smart Building, right here in Hidden Meadows.



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Nancy Ogrod and Valerie Spearman

## Thank You from The Spring Food Drive

Nancy Ogrod / Resident

Thank you, Hidden Meadows. Interfaith thanks you for the food collected during the April food drive. Donations included the usual cereals, pastas, PB&J, canned vegetables, canned meats, and canned fruits. In addition, there were bags of rice and beans and fresh fruit. Over 700 pounds of food and over \$400 was collected which will help fill the sacks of groceries for the families who request assistance.

Thank you to Valerie Spearman, who helped Nancy Ogrod greet the residents and friends as they dropped off the donations. Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Kim for allowing us to use the Golf Clubhouse as our collection zone.

If you did not have the opportunity to give food in April, it is never too late to take food or a monetary donation by the Escondido Interfaith facility. They are located at 550 West Washington Ave., at the corner of Washington Ave. and Quince St. Our next food drive will be in September. Thank you again for your generosity.

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## Mother's Day Gift Bag Assembly

By Nancy Ogrod / Resident

A big thank you to all who donated soaps, lotions, shampoos, toothbrushes and toothpaste, and other items to this year's Mother's Day gift bags. Cathy Nanz and Linda Kennedy joined me in assembling the bags that were taken to Hidden Valley House and to Interfaith.

Please keep traveling, watching the sales, and saving those precious items. We hope to assemble bags for the holidays, so watch the Hidden Meadows News for the date and time. Thank you again for your generosity.

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(above) The only known photograph of Elizabeth Jane Wimmer, co-discoverer of California Gold when she was 26. (right) An illustration of John Marshall and Mrs. Wimmer at Sutter's Mill was published in 1893 in "The California Gold Book, First Nugget: Its discovery and Discoverers" by Allen & Avery.



## The woman behind the gold is 200

By **ROBERT LERNER, Historian Valley Center History Museum**

The Valley Center History Museum is rolling out the gold carpet in June to mark two historic events and spotlight the exhibit, "The Woman Behind the Gold."

The display commemorates the 175th anniversary of the discovery of gold in California and celebrates the 200th birthday of the Valley Center woman who identified the first gold nugget, an event that sparked what is arguably the single most important moment in California history.

The local connection to the Gold Rush of 1848 is through Elizabeth Jane (Jennie) Wimmer—who lived in Valley Center and is buried at the local cemetery.

She identified the first piece of gold at Sutter's Mill and is generally considered the co-discoverer of California Gold along with James Marshall, the superintendent of the mill who pulled out a pellet from the American River. It was the size of a pea. Jennie was the only person in the camp who knew how to test for gold. The path of history was forever changed.

### So, where's the nugget?

Marshall gave the historic gold nugget to Jennie who carried the tiny piece of gold in a buckskin pouch around her neck for 40 years.

In 1885, she filed an affidavit with the County of San Diego attesting to the fact that the nugget she carried was the original piece of gold. A copy of that affidavit is on display at the History Museum.

Later that year, she sold the famous piece of history to Oakland attorney W.W. Allen who promised to write a book, but didn't. He sold the nugget to Chicago industrialist Charles F. Gunther, owner of America's largest

collection of historical artifacts. Gunther later sold his entire collection to the Chicago Historical Society.

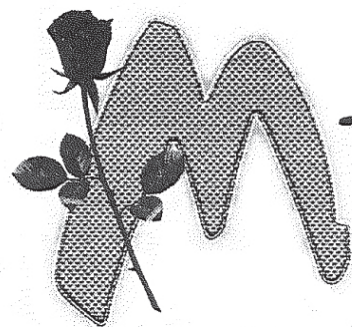
In 1923, Gunther's family bought back the nugget and placed it in a vault at their winter home in Altadena, California. In 1956, it was acquired by the Bancroft Library at UC Berkeley where it is known as the Wimmer Nugget and remains today in safe-keeping. A facsimile is on public exhibit there and at the Valley Center History Museum.

### Panning for gold

To celebrate the birthdate of Jennie Wimmer, the Valley Center Library and History Museum are making plans for a gold panning event. At this writing, the happening is scheduled for Saturday, June 17, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. in the courtyard outside the campus both buildings share on Cole Grade Road. Specific details are to be announced as the date approaches.

The Wimmer homestead on 165 acres, no longer standing, was at the northwest corner of Cole Grade & Cool Valley roads. She and husband Peter raised several of their seven children here. Descendants of the Wimmers still live in California and many were in Valley Center on October 5, 2003, when the Valley Center Historical Society unveiled a bronze marker at the local cemetery in memory of Jennie Wimmer.

Documentation on the discovery of gold, the Wimmer connection, and related information is on exhibit and in the archives of the Valley Center History Museum at 29200 Cole Grade Road. For more information, send an e-mail to [museum@vchistory.org](mailto:museum@vchistory.org) or call 760-749-2993. The museum web site is [vchistory.org](http://vchistory.org).



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**The Academy Museum of Motion Pictures**

# The Academy Museum of Motion Pictures: And the Winner is.....

By Idalia Rewar

The seniors are off to the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures located in the Miracle Mile of L.A. It was great that on a cloudy rainy day someone else is doing the driving. We made our usual “comfort” stop in Orange County and headed for Los Angeles. Looking out the window, I saw lots of construction—they are digging to construct a subway and a new convention center. So it’s a mess driving around. And guess what?? No smog, remember the 70s and 80s? I noticed the red-white striped Petersen Car Museum is next door, the Museum of Modern Art is nearby, the La Brea Tar Pits are across the street (they have not moved), and the original Farmers Market not too

far. The Market is an open air marketplace with more than 100 merchants with lots of shopping. However, I opted not to go, I had been there a few years ago – not too fond of walking in the pouring rain. There is also a large park situated behind the museum - great for kids.

The Academy Museum of Motion Pictures features 2 buildings – it’s a renovation and expansion of the May Company located across the Tar Pits on Fairfax. The architecture of the museum is modern art deco style?? occupying 300,00 square feet. Looking at the building from the outside you see a spherical glass/steel structure added to the north side of the building with a huge open terrace where there’s a magnificent view of the Hollywood Hills. There’s a bridge at the top floor to go to this area. On the first floor is a 2 story

restaurant called Fanny, after Fanny Brice, a popular star of the 20s and a gift shop. I was surprised to see that they had a whole area both at the gift shop and at the exhibits for Pedro Almodovar, a Spanish filmmaker whose movies are outstanding. In the middle of the open space are escalators (and elevators) for visiting the exhibit floors. Each floor offers different topics: “Stories of Cinema, Path to Cinema: Highlights from the Richard Balzer Collection; Backdrop: An Invisible Art (on the wall there’s a huge 3-dimensional backdrop of Mount Rushmore used in movies), and The Oscar’s Experience – where you can step into the stage of the Dolby Theater and make believe you are accepting an Oscar (I did not go in there, I was not accepting an Oscar today, besides it costs \$15.)

The Academy Awards History are in a circular gallery featuring the Oscar winners since 1929. Would you believe the Oscar statuette weighs 8 ½ lbs. It’s all muscle. Other galleries include: the Directors Inspiration Gallery; Performance and Sound and Identity Gallery; Animation, and Effects and Encounters Gallery.

To start, when stepping out of the escalator on the 2nd floor, you encounter a large wide open space and there are huge glass doors that open taking you into a dark room where there are movies shown of the past, lots of photographs of different movie stars in the setting of the famous movie they starred in. By the way, all the exhibit rooms are semi dark, and movies shown in most exhibits. There’s a large area dedicated to the movie “Boys in the Hood”, the 3rd floor is dedicated to Black actors, dancers, etc. depicting their contribution to the movie industry. A whole room was dedicated to the movie “The Godfather.” Showing various takes of the movie, costume and a video showing how they applied the makeup on Marlon Brando to give him the swollen jowls on his face. They even had the horse head that appeared in the movie (on the bed). Would you believe it was a real horse’s head I was looking at!! YUK!! – a taxidermist stuffed it. Another Yuk!

The other floors exhibited costumes worn in various movies, and showed some of the characters like R2D2 robot, monsters, ogres, and many scary characters. I particularly liked a video they showed how they do the special effects scenes, such as in Harrison Ford’s escape from the cave with a huge rock after him. Very interesting.

There’s lots to see and do at the Museum. Admission \$25, Open Monday - Thursday, 10 to 6 pm, Fri-Sat 10 – 8 pm.

Museum rules: large backpacks, purses - check in at cloakroom, no outside food. They put out a monthly calendar which features limited series and spotlights, ongoing film series, ongoing education programs, drop-in tours, workshops, movie screening (dating from the 30s to the present). The Museum is a very impressive place for those interested in cinema.

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## Hidden Meadows Women's Social Group: Views for days

By Michelle Zipse & EM Trivoli / Residents

Thursday, May 18, was a beautiful warm and sunny evening at Melisa Mitchell's house. The neighborhood ladies came out to socialize and enjoy the lovely views from the top of High Vista. The gathering was well attended, and the food was bountiful and delicious. There were all kinds of spreads, salads and sides... even mac-n-cheese balls courtesy of Trader Joe's. Poached Salmon and a goat-cheese-herb bread were some of the savories. Danielle's banana-bread-bundt cake was a huge hit; and Gwen Dana made a fantastic pineapple upside down cake. The lemon meringue cheesecake was also super popular... gone in a flash! Cheeses and charcuterie items rounded out the night. No one was going hungry.

Melisa had several tables set up on the large side patio; also home to a beautiful outdoor gas fireplace. Conversations were full of friendly catching up and what's going on in Hidden Meadows and with the various groups. We always learn something new. The 2 hours slipped by quickly, leaving a small group of 8 or so that stayed until almost 10 pm. The metallic round "fireplace table" was a cozy spot to watch the sun set; a perfect end to a lovely evening.

Thanks so much to Melisa for hosting! We all look forward to next month's Women's Social Group meet-up at Gwen Dana's house.

If you're a woman living in Hidden Meadows and would like to know more about our group, please email: HMWSG92026@gmail.com.

## Cruisin' Grand to pack a lot into a shorter season

By DAVID ROSS

Cruisin' Grand, the celebration of America's love affair with classic cars, will premiere on June 9 and end September 29 on Grand Avenue in Escondido. Although the season is shorter by about six weeks, it will still pack a lot of goodies into those fewer weeks, according to founder and organizer Steve Waldron.

What caused the delay this year was required—and apparently unexpected—street work on Grand Avenue. "I think they've gotten everything squared away now," said Waldron. "It will be a short season but a lot of fun."

Each Friday's festivities will begin at 4 p.m. and continue until 9 p.m.

In a normal Cruisin' season with 26 Fridays, each week is hosted by a different car club or there is a theme for the afternoon. "It's always booked," said Waldron, who noted that this year, "I kind of massaged some of the clubs and put some on Juniper. The clubs who have been with me the longest I gave the best spots, but I put the others on Juniper or ganged a couple of clubs together."

There will still be the big spectacular nights, such as Grand de Elegance, aka Packard Night, which will be the second Friday of Cruisin' Grand, June 16. There is also Fire Truck Night and Heroes Night on September 8, which is the closet Friday to 9/11. "Hopefully they will be able to give the kids rides on the fire trucks, that's something to look forward to," said Wal-

dron. The last two years this wasn't possible due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Other special nights include Vintage Race Car, Shelby Night, Mopar night (Chryslers, Dodges and Plymouths) and vintage Chevy night. That's a lot to look forward to, with much fun and excitement provided by the many car clubs in San Diego participating.

"It's going to be a lot of fun," predicted Waldron. He added, "Some people wanted to extend the event into October but I think the city is going to begin construction of a roundabout on Grand Avenue around that time. So we are going to take our window of opportunity and have a great cruise season!"

This year's event wouldn't happen were it not for Gosch Ford and the Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians. "They really stepped up," said Waldron. The tribe is donating \$25,000, which will help fund the three local bands that are playing every Friday night, as well as paying for a DJ. Gosch Ford is contributing \$15,000, which covers other bills. "We like to showcase local musicians," said Waldron. "With this funding we are able to get some very good quality local bands." He added, "It's great having these local businesses who step up to help pay for all of this. We couldn't do it without them. They are great companies and organizations to work with to support the event."

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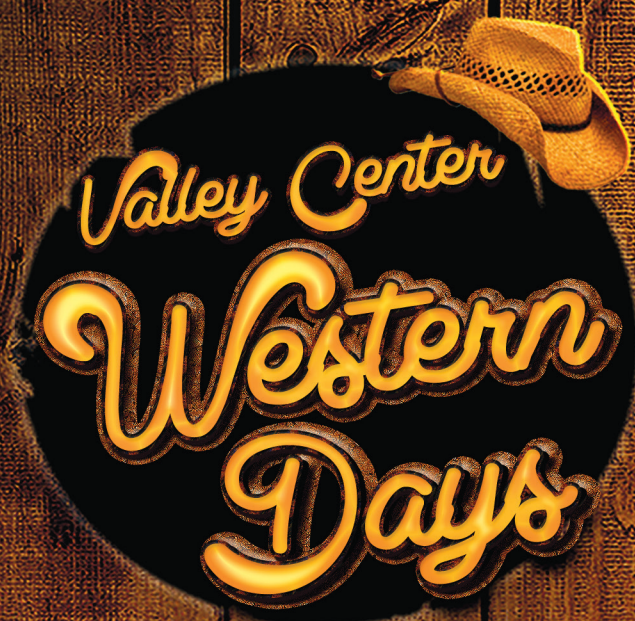
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VENDORS, FOOD & BEER GARDEN

**11AM-4PM**  
CAR CORRAL - CAR SHOW

**2PM**  
PIE EATING CONTEST (LARGE TENT)

**2:30PM**  
PARADE AWARDS (MAIN STAGE)

**3PM**  
VC DANCE COMPANY PERFORMANCE  
( MAIN STAGE/DANCEFLOOR )

**4-5:30PM**  
BAND: STREETHEART

**6-7:45PM**  
BAND: HEIDI AND THE HURRICANE BAND

**8:15-10PM**  
HEADLINER: MORGAN LEIGH BAND

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