

May 2024

NEWS

The Fun Blossomed at the Spring **Kids** Carnival

By Tom Fragala / Resident

The Hidden Meadows Community Foundation Spring Carnival took place Saturday April 27th from 10 am - 1 pm at The Pavilion. The weather was perfect.

The kids could earn tickets for doing various activities and then turn them in for prizes.

The Event Director was Vickey Ciarlanti, with additional help from her husband Jeff.

HMCF had free hot dogs, water and goodie bag for all the kids. The kids could also get a free cupcake with a ticket they earned from playing games. Everyone loved the HMCF mascot,

Oreo the goat.

The HMCF Prize Booth was staffed by Cherie Trudeau Rogers and Pat Tanabe.

along with his mom and Dad. Ben and Andie.

Sean Wickstrom was there as the Dinosaur. Keith Herman was in the Peter Rabbit costume.

The Hidden Meadows Garden Club had a fantastic kids activity. The kids could transplant succulent stem cuttings into small pots to bring home. I took a few cuttings home and they were





DJ Niklas Ruiz was there with music transplanted on my property. Bonnie Metzger and a few others from the club were on hand to help the kids.

Mountain Meadow Equine Rescue, with Lyn Wheeler and Lisa Saget, had a table, photo booth and three hay bale horses for the kids to sit on.

Pete Tomaszek brought two games for kids; a duck claw game and a Ms Pacman game.

Dina Davis was running the fun cake

walk game.

There were several carnival games. The Wheel at the HMCF booth with Heather Davila. A water fishing game with Jorge Davila. Melissa Tomaszek was at the orange cone ring toss game. A penny toss with Kiska Alba. And a couple of bean bag toss games.

Michelle Zipse, HMCF President, was helping out everywhere as usual. HMCF had a tattoo and craft activity

booth with Dawn Salazar and Vanessa Cruz.

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By Michelle Zipse / Resident Hidden Meadows Women's p gathered for their monthotluck extravaganza, host-

ed graciously by the talented chef and gracious hostess, Sima Kashani. Nestled in the heart of our picturesque community,

MAY HIDDEN MEADOWS EVENTS HMCF Scholarship **2024 Scholarship Awards Night** Fundraiser Tuesday, May 21st Saturday, May 18th 6pm - 9pm Boulder Oaks Golf Course call 760-749-1620 to register SideYard Public House 10326 Meadow Glen Way East

Sima's home provided the perfect backdrop for an evening of culinary delight and warm camaraderie. The highlight of the evening was undoubtedly Sima's captivating cooking demonstration, featuring the preparation of a beloved Persian dish called Taching. As we watched in awe, Sima and her sister Vida showcased their culinary prowess, turning Sima's kitchen into a veritable cooking show set. The dish, made with fragrant rice, saffroninfused yogurt, and succulent chicken, was prepared with precision and flair, each step expertly executed with finesse. It was evident that the sisters' experience in hosting cooking shows had lent an air of professionalism to the demonstration.

Sima's home, meticulously prepared for the occasion, offered breathtaking views of Hidden Meadows, with its sprawling landscape unfolding before us from the vantage point of her back deck. Tables and chairs strategically placed throughout the house fostered lively conversations among guests,

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The time is upon us to decide.... should this stay or should it go!

By Kathy Moore / Resident

The Hidden Meadows Annual Community Garage Sale has been scheduled for June 15th this year & no better time than the present to start uncovering all the "stuff" you would like to pass on to new owners. As the old saying goes.... one person's junk is in fact another persons treasure & with a little organization or sorting of said items, you can move things out & fill your pockets with a little petty cash. The de-cluttering process can be very therapeutic and remember...if you clean out some room, you might even be able to shop the sales yourself & introduce some new treasures to your trove.

Most items we are holding onto are those that give us comfort in some form or another and at some point, those items of comfort serve little or no actual purpose. Still, it is hard to decide what will get a price tag and what will stay, so the time is now to start sorting. I often will ask myself, "how often will I use this item?" Or "If this item is so significant to my life, why is it locked away in a box under the stairs where it brings no daily enjoyment?" In these days of advanced technology, with phone cameras on most everyone's hip, might it not be easier to take a photo of this cherish relic & let it go?

I will admit that I am not a big "collector" myself, but I do know several people that are.... & several are in my own family. I believe that clutter can cause emotional chaos in some peoples life & I also know that happiness comes from the using of an object, not the owning of it.

With all this said, I do understand that having a garage sale takes work and can be extremely frustrating if you don't know what you're doing. To avoid as many headaches as possible we are streamlining the process for you & hoping for great turnout!

1/ THE DATE: Saturday, June 15th 8am2pm, RAIN OR SHINE! You can stay open longer or continue your sale into a second day on your own if you wish.

2/ Gather Your Goods: Declutter & downsize your home. Grab a box and go through every room. Pick up anything you don't want or haven't used in months and toss it in. Don't forget closets, attics, basements, and garages as these are usually places to find the best garage sale finds. Don't underestimate the value of what you find either; you never know what someone else is searching for to round out their own collections. And,,,, the worst case scenario is that something doesn't sell & you can return it to its storage location until next year.

5/ Get Change: Make sure that you have sufficient change ready for sale day.... plenty of singles & change.

6/ **PRICE & SELL, SELL, SELL!!!** Last year was very successful & we anticipate the same this year.

Now doesn't this seem easy & fun??

Remember: call or email Jennifer Hill at JennHill68@gmail.com – 760-484-4121. Please provide her with name, address, phone number and a general idea of items you will have, ie: furniture, children's toys, books, yard tools, etc. Jennifer will then add your address & items to the list for distribution.

Rummage away Hidden Meadows neighbors!

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creating an atmosphere of warmth and conviviality.

Of course, the star of the evening was the tantalizing Taching prepared by Sima herself, which drew eager food enthusiast in us all. However, the potluck spread was a testament to the culinary talents of our community, with an array of mouthwatering dishes that left everyone spoiled for choice.

One particularly standout dessert was a decadent chocolate cake brought by Gwen Dana, sourced from the renowned Porto's Bakery in LA. The rich, indulgent treat vanished within minutes of its arrival, a testament to its irresistible allure. Additionally, the carrot cake proved to be a delightful complement to the evening's festivities, showcasing the diverse talents of our neighborhood's bakers.

As the evening drew to a close, satisfied and contented guests departed Sima's home, their hearts and stomachs full from an evening of culinary delight and heartfelt connections. The Hidden Meadows Women's Group once again demonstrated the power of community and shared experiences, leaving us eagerly anticipating the next gathering in this close-knit neighborhood.

Cruisin' Grand 'Hot Rod Heaven' begins May 3

The 24th annual Cruisin' Grand, sometimes called "Hot Rod Heaven" will return to Grand Avenue Friday, May 3, 4-9 p.m.

Cruisin' Grand is honored to be called one of the best cruises in the country.

Organizers keep it simple each year, focusing on 1973 and earlier American-made Classics, Customs, Vintage, Muscle, and Hot Rods cruising Grand Ave, just like they did 50-60- years ago, on a Friday night.

These same cars are invited to park on Grand Avenue and side streets and enjoy the early 50's setting of downtown Escondido.

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- Parking for event-era cars is on Grand Avenue and side streets, from Escondido to Ivy Street.

- "Reserved" parking area for local/regional 73 and earlier American made Car Clubs who pre-reserve a night.

- Awards weekly for five selected cars. No pre-registration. No fees. Just fun!

- Restaurants cafes, pubs, specialty retail stores open late.

- Family-friendly features Hula Hoops, Name That Tune contests, and more.

- Information booth at event at Grand & Broadway. Every second Friday of the month at the Maple Street Plaza there will be "hula hoop contests" for all ages and over \$100 of yogurt will be given out as prizes for the winners. Also there will be a "name that tune" contest. Look for the Cruisin' Grand banner.

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4/ Signs: We will have signs leading into the neighborhood & coming up the hill the day of the event. The signs will direct everyone to the 4 way stop at Meadow Glen Way East & Mountain Meadow, where they can stop to collect a map of participating homes. Feel free to bring your own signs to guide buyers to your home from the 4 way stop!



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Hidden Meadows Community Foundation Fundraising Update

First, thanks to all of you who have so generously contributed during the first two months of our fundraiser. Our annual campaign, which runs from March through May, has raised over \$5,000 to date and is drawing to a close, but there is still time to make your donation if you haven't done so already.

In response to requests to reduce the amount of paper consumed by our solicitation process, this year we limited the distribution of remittance envelopes to only the April issue of the Hidden Meadows News. But there are still other ways you can donate. You can go online at www.hid-denmeadows.news and click on the "donate" button to contribute using PayPal or a credit card, you can send a Zelle transfer to <u>HMCFDonate@</u> yahoo.com, or a direct PayPal payment to <u>2018hmcf@gmail.com</u>. You can also drop by the Foundation booth at the Seller's Faire or any one of our community events to make a check or cash donation. Finally, you can find an envelope and stamp and send your tax-deductible contribution to: HMCF, P.O. Box 462333, Escondido, CA 92046.

The Hidden Meadows Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to serving and enhancing our community via four primary areas of focus:

- **College Scholarships**: Our annual scholarship program makes an investment in the future by giving scholarships of \$1,000 to qualified college bound students currently living in Hidden Meadows
- **Community Programs and Events**: Foundation sponsored familyoriented events and more, including the Spring Festival, Community Independence Day Parade, Halloween Trunk or Treat, Holiday Toys for Tots Breakfast, Turkey Trot, Neighborhood Garage Sale, Sellers Faire, Welcome Committee visits, and again this year, the Vintage Car Show
- **Beautification**: Completed major projects include the media re-landscaping and pine tree removal/trimming with on-going efforts focused on median maintenance and repair
- **Families in Crisis**: The Foundation's Neighbors Helping Neighbors program steps in to help if one of our neighbors has a serious emergency

This year we have already presented the Spring Festival and our first Seller's Faire. We hope you were able to attend one of these events. Coming up in May we will have our Scholarship Awards Night, in June the Community Garage Sale and in July the Independence Day Parade. We hope to see you there.

Thank you, in advance, for helping to keep Hidden Meadows the unique, wonderful place it is to live.

The Hidden Meadows Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization. Your gift to the Foundation is tax deductible and will be used to support people and projects within our community. Visit our website hiddenmeadowsfoundation.org to learn more about the Foundation.

Cinco De Mayo Festival Sunday at Grape Day Park

The 4th annual Cinco De Mayo Festival is this Sunday, May 5, 11 a.m.- 5 p.m. at Grape Day Park, 321

One of the activities at the Cinco de Mayo Festival will be the "Palette of Possibilities Art Exhibition" whose theme is "Artistic Expression without Limits and Beyond Boundaries." Young community members and Mexican artists will showcase their newest artwork. Meet the artists and see what goes on in these artists' minds when they start creating their magic. USA Multicultural brings together artistic groups and local multicultural dancers representing all ethnicities and communities of the greater San Diego County. Their mission is to revitalize and help local communities by teaching them organizational skills and develop camaraderie among other artistic organizations. Visit their Facebook page and website at USA-Multicultural.org for more information.

Opinion

Opinions expressed by columnists and letter writers are those of the writers and not necessarily those of the newspaper.

San Diego is the new epicenter

By JIM DESMOND

San Diego is the new epicenter for migrants and illegal immigration.

Last week alone, Border Patrol apprehended 9,000 illegal border crossers within the San Diego sector, including 206 Chinese nationals. This surge in illegal crossings has propelled San Diego to the unfortunate position of leading all nine southern border sectors in April, a trend unseen since the 1990s.

Since October 1, the San Diego sector has witnessed a staggering 214,855 apprehensions, representing individuals from over 75 countries across the globe. Moreover, the closure of the processing center has led to over 30,000 migrant drop-offs in the past two months alone, with projections of more than 1,000 dropoffs expected today. This doesn't account for the frequent occurrences of boats washing ashore, averaging three to four incidents weekly.

Human smugglers have identified California, particularly the San Diego border sector, as the path of least resistance for illegal immigration. Border Patrol has inadvertently become the "Uber" for migrants entering San Diego County, and the County is the travel agent.

The recent allocation of \$19 million in federal dollars will not solve the crisis, as the money will not be used to protect the border but only allow for more concierge service to get migrants to their destinations across the United States. We have laws set in place, but currently, the federal government is not upholding them.

Compounding these challenges is California's sanctuary state status, which prohibits law enforcement from cooperating with immigration officials, hindering our ability to address these issues effectively. Even if local law enforcement were to respond swiftly to incidents such as boats arriving on our shores or breaches in border fences, state law prevents them from coordinating with immigration authorities.

This glaring loophole in our system poses significant risks to public safety and exacerbates the strain on our resources. We urgently need federal support and comprehensive reforms to manage this crisis and safeguard our communities.

So, how can you help? Contact your federal representative and tell them you want to fix the chaos at the border. They're the ones with the power to fix this and they must hear from you.

Jim Desmond is a member of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors. He represents the 5th District, which includes Escondido, Valley Center, Pauma Valley, Palomar Mountain and much of the Backcountry.

Update: no more SVPs for rural San Diego County

By MARIE WALDRON, 75th Assembly District

As you know, the placement of Sexually Violent Predators (SVPs) in rural areas of California, including San Diego County, has been an ongoing problem. SVPs have been placed in Jacumba Hot Springs, Campo, Boulevard, Borrego Springs and other locations, often near homes, parks and schools.

Currently, the Department of State Hospitals (DSH) oversees placement and contracts with Liberty Healthcare, which then seeks court approval. Courts sometimes intervene to deny inappropriate placements, but by then the leasing process is often already underway, increasing costs and delays. Since the 75th Assembly District covers most of rural northern and eastern San Diego County, I am very pleased to join Senator Brian Jones (R – San Diego) as co-author of Senate Bill 1074. SB 1074 will make public safety the highest criteria for housing SVPs in any area, with the Director of State Hospitals to be held responsible for ensuring that public safety is the major consideration. The DSH will be required to take ownership by approving any placements before leases can be signed. SVPs have been convicted of sexually violent offenses and are diagnosed with a mental disorder which

makes them a danger to others - "with a 'high likelihood to reoffend." Whether or not someone designated likely to reoffend for such serious crimes should be released at all is another question. But if they are to be released, placing them in rural areas ignores the lack of resources in these communities. Rural areas rarely have the appropriate oversight, counseling or treatment options available in urban communities. SVP housing needs should never be placed above public safety. SB 1074 has bipartisan support, and due to the importance of the legislation, it has an urgency clause (requiring a 2/3 vote). The bill passed the Senate Public Safety Committee without opposition April 9, and has been referred to the Appropriations Committee. SB 1074 will go into effect immediately once it's signed by the Governor. California's rural areas cannot remain dumping grounds for Sexually Violent Predators.

N Broadway.

The festival is brought to the park by USA Multicultural Nonprofit.

This event will include food booths and commercial booths with local vendors.

"My priority is to bring the community together in a safe and comfortable atmosphere with community participation in our events for camaraderie," says organizer Angel Aguilar. "My wife, Sohaila, and I are making this happen with our fourth annual Cinco De Mayo Festival in Escondido."

The Cinco De Mayo Festival will be a fun, family event with vending booths, food booths, demonstrations, games, and all-day entertainment featuring local music bands and dancing groups. Assemblymember Marie Waldron, R- Valley Center, represents the 75th Assembly District in the California Legislature, which includes the cities of Poway, Santee, portions of the City of San Diego, and most of rural eastern and northern San Diego County.

April Showers bring a trip to Waterwise!

By Kim Marin / Resident

The Hidden Meadows Garden Club turned a gloomy, misty Friday morninginto a fun and eventful morning at Waterwise Botanicals. If you haven't checked out Waterwise Botanicals, it would be worth a trip just to see their spectacular array of succulents, flowers, plants and cacti. Located on old Highway 395 in Bonsall, it is just a short drive from Hidden Meadows. Members who attended had a great time walking through Waterwise and picking out the perfect plants to take home to their gardens.

The Hidden Meadows Garden Club is open to all people living in Hidden Meadows and surrounding communities. You don't have to live in Hidden Meadow's to be a member! Contact Kim Marin if you are interested in joining. <u>Kimgroggmarin@gmail.com</u>.

Upcoming events include:

Participation in the Hidden Meadows Community Foundation's Kid's Carnival-Spring Festival on April 27th. The Club's Home Garden Tour on Friday May 10th and a special Garden Club booth at the June Hidden Meadows Seller's Faire on Sunday June 9th. The club will be selling plants, succulents, decorative plantings, succulent wreaths and other garden related items. Proceeds from the Seller's Faire booth will go toward supporting the club's many activities throughout the year including a tour of the Temecula Olive Oil Company Ranch in September.



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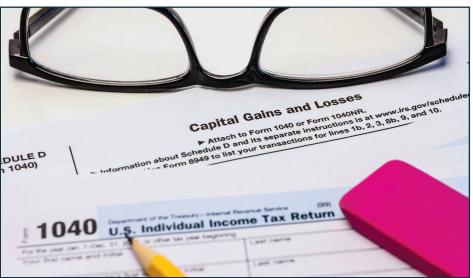












On March 29, 2023, the IRS issued Revenue Ruling 2023-2, which generally states that appreciated property transferred through an irrevocable trust does not receive a step-up in basis when the Grantor dies.





That means the Grantor's children, or other loved ones, have to pay the capital gains tax on property they receive. There has been a great deal of chatter among tax experts and estate planners about this ruling. My clients and I are not bothered by this sea-change, however, as we use Charitable Remainder Trusts, and other techniques, to get around the Capital Gains Tax.

MY NAME IS MICHAEL BUSTILLOS. I am an attorney with over thirty years of experience in Estate Planning and Asset Protection. I live down the street from you, here in Hidden Meadows.



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Hidden Meadows Seller's Faire: A Celebration of Community and Craftsmanship



By Michelle Zipse / Resident

The vibrant community of Hidden Meadows came alive on Sunday, April 28th, as over 300 eager attendees flocked to the Hidden Meadows Seller's Faire. Set against the backdrop of lush greenery and under clear skies, this event brought together artisans, vendors, and neighbors for a day of shopping, mingling, and supporting local businesses.

With a staggering lineup of over 60 vendors, there was something for everyone at the Hidden Meadows Seller's Faire. From crafters to fresh produce providers, the variety was as diverse as the community itself. Bead-A-Licous dazzled visitors with their intricate beaded jewelry, while Mihaly Meadows delighted the senses with homemade soaps and unique fragrances.

For those with a penchant for fashion, Joe's Bad

Intention Bags showcased craft handbags that were as stylish as they were practical. Meanwhile, Jules and Sparklies stole the show with their collection of unique jewelry, headbands, and scarves, perfect for adding a touch of flair to any ensemble.

Art enthusiasts found solace in Fancy Art Designs, where unique art pieces adorned both the body and the home. And for those with green thumbs, Farm Fresh to You offered organic fruits and vegetables delivered straight to your doorstep, bringing farm-fresh goodness to every table.

But the Hidden Meadows Seller's Faire wasn't just about commerce—it was also about community. Blade Wright was on hand to sharpen tools and knives, ensuring that every neighbor left with their gear in top condition. Longtime attendee Dell MacGray has been a staple of the event, keeping Hidden Meadows sharp and ready for years.

In addition to the array of vendors, the event also featured non-profit informational booths, including the Fire Safety Council and the Assistance League. These organizations play a vital role in supporting members of the local community, and attendees were encouraged to learn more about their invaluable work.

Plant enthusiasts were in for a treat with a plethora of plant vendors offering greenery to adorn homes and gardens alike. And no community event would be complete without a bake sale, which tempted taste buds with an array of delectable treats including cookies, sweet breads, pastries, and cakes.

With Mother's Day just around the corner, the theme of this month's event was centered on celebrating moms and finding that perfect gift to FAIRE See Page 9 8 — Hidden Meadows News • May 2024 www.HiddenMeadows.news



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Escondido History Center: to instill a passion for the past

By DAVID ROSS

The Escondido History Center's only paid staff—Executive Director Cynthia Castañeda and Assistant Director Hannah Ramirez—have an important message for you: The History Center is there, right in the middle of Grape Day Park. It's filled with resources about Escondido's rich history and cultural accomplishments.

That reminder is necessary, because almost every time someone new comes into the center's office, they look around and exclaim, "I didn't realize you guys were here!" The building they are in is also historical. It was the site of Escondido's first library.

In many ways it functions as a library today, in that it is filled with books about Escondido's history.

Since taking her position last October, everything has been fast-paced for the new executive director.

Castañeda's previous experience includes curational work with special ed students at the Ontario High School District for six years. She considered going into medicine—in fact planned on for several years—but always she had a passion about history. She obtained a degree in History from Cal Poly Pomona.

Because new visitors are always stumbling in and not realizing the history center is here, Castañeda and Ramirez want to give those who do find it a reason to keep coming back. That means rotating the exhibits to expose new things.

"I don't want this to be a one-stop shop," said Castañeda. She said Escondido's history is diverse and "immensely multicultural. "I want to not only represent the past but what is going on now—which will be history in 10 to 12 years," she said.

The museum center includes the Santa Fe train depot built in 1988, the replica blacksmith barn, the 1890 Victorian Hoffman House and the Red Barn that was built in 1907.

All are in pretty good shape, although the Victorian House needs some TLC, i.e. "major repairs" on its outer wall due to vandalism several years ago. It also needs new windows.

"We are hoping to get a good chunk of money because the Pullman car [at

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show appreciation. Whether it was a handmade treasure, a fragrant soap, or a delicious treat, there was no shortage of options to spoil the special women in our lives.

But beyond the shopping and indulgence, the Hidden Meadows Seller's Faire was a celebration of community spirit and local pride. It was a day to come together, support one another, and strengthen the bonds that make Hidden Meadows such a special place to call home. So mark your calendars for the next Seller's Faire on Sunday June 9th, and join us in celebrating all that makes our community shine.

If you are interested in helping in volunteering at this event, please reach out at <u>HMSellersFaire@gmail.com</u>. We would be happy to add you to the team!

BOOK REVIEW by Lynn Clark

Cormac McCarthy was an American author who died in 2023. I was curious because I had never read anything by him so I did a little research. I started reading what I felt was his first literary and financial success as a writer. That book led to 2 additional books that formed "The Border Trilogy".

"All the Pretty Horses" - by Cormac McCarthy - Book 1

When John Grady Cole was sixteen he loses his grandfather and his home. Living on a Texas ranch and being around horses and cattle was all he knew. Not able to visualize a life without being on a ranch, Grady decides to move on. He convinces his best friend Rawlins to go with him. They take their horses and supplies and with very little money they cross the border into Mexico.

The hot desolate landscape, dangerous desperadoes, and their meeting with a runaway boy are written in McCarthy's signature style as part of their journey. They finally reach a ranch belonging to a man named Don Hector. John Grady's knowledge of horses convinces the hacendado to let them stay. All goes well until John has an ill-advised love affair with the owner's daughter that lands both boys in prison. There is no trial.

As soon as they enter the walls of their confinement, the harsh reality of prison life forces them into a lethal fight for their survival. Grady, realizing that in order to survive, he has to take matters into his own hands when he is confronted by a hired assassin inside the prison walls.

"The Crossing" - Book 2

Book 2 is similar to the first in that it involves a young man named Billy Parham. He enters Mexico in an attempt to take a pregnant wolf back to the mountains where he believes she belongs. I stopped reading this book 3/4 of the way through when it became too violent for me to finish. Up until then the basis of story was pretty much the same as the first book....a young boy finding his way in a harsh world.

"Cities of the Plain" - Book 3

Book 3 unites Grady and Billy on a working ranch in New Mexico. The first 3 chapters dealt with the personalities of the ranch hands, and their social life in bars. The later chapters dealt with the death of Grady.

Note: McCarthy's characters spoke Spanish for some of the dialogue in all 3 books. Unfortunately, I do not speak Spanish. Sometimes he incorporated enough detail so that I was able to interpret the conversation sometimes he failed to do that.

He was known to be somewhat of a maverick. It didn't bother him that some critics did not like his style of writing, or the amount of violent content that was present in his books. He was very successful in having several of his books made into movies, but the violence that permeated his first books didn't encourage me to move on to his other novels.

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Hidden Meadows Neighborhood Watch

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

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

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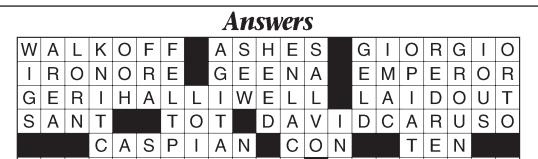
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Escondido History Center dynamic duo (left) Executive Director Cynthia Castañeda and assistant director Hannah Ramirez, with the museum complex behind them. To the right is the Victorian house. Straight back is the currently inactive blacksmith house and through the fence you can see the train station.

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the depot] needs a lot of restoration," said Castañeda. The museum is extending its range. North County Mall just made a storefront available. "They gave us a window space next to an antique store," said Castañeda. It's on the second floor in space 341. third Saturday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. for the same reason. It had been closed since 2019 because of graffiti and broken windows. However, recently the city paid for the glass. The blacksmith shop is closed for repair to all visitors at the moment.

This month the picture in the window is of a giant bonfire that was held at one Escondido's high schools in 1951.

The history center relies on volunteers, who are in short supply these days. So, if you ever wondered where you could multiply the positive effects of your volunteering, consider the History Center.

"We need to find volunteers who love history to help share Escondido's story," said Castañeda.

More volunteers could, for instance keep different buildings open more hours. The Santa Fe train depot is only open Saturdays from 1-4 p.m. because of a shortage of volunteers. The Victorian house is only open the first and "We'd like to again do tours so that people can see the tools they used. We are trying to bring it back to where the blacksmith doesn't just work on personal projects but shows the kinds of projects that Tom Bandy (a 19th century blacksmith of renown) would have worked on," said the director. Bandy was a premier blacksmith who opened a shop in 1900, of which the blacksmith shop at the center is a replica. There is no date on when the blacksmith shop will reopen.

Each year the History Center partners with the Brothers of the 6 Charities to put Grape Day Festival on. This year it is scheduled for September 14, noon-6 p.m. More on that later!

The Escondido History Center office is open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. But sometimes the staff is gone on errands, so call 760-743-8207 to make sure they are in. 5 1 5

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