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Golfers at the tournament award banquet

Prize winners

Hidden Meadows Community Rallies for a Cause at Boulder Oaks Golf Tournament

By Michelle Zipse / Resident

On Saturday, May 18, the Hidden Meadows community came together for the Boulder Oaks Golf Tournament, a spirited fundraiser supporting the Hidden Meadows Foundation Scholarship Fund. This event raised

enough to create 2 scholarships for local high school students entering college in the fall. It was a resounding success thanks to the dedication and hard work of many community members.

At the heart of this event was Vickey Ciarlanti, the Vice President of the Foundation and the Event Coordinator. Her vision and leadership, coupled with the efforts of numerous community volunteers, turned weeks of planning into a memorable and impactful day. From organizing raffle prizes to coordinating the day's activities, Ciarlanti and her team ensured every detail was meticulously handled.

The tournament featured nine teams of four golfers, competing in a round-

robin format. Players vied for prizes across four categories, adding a layer of excitement and friendly competition to the day.

Julie Breglio, a teacher at Jackson Elementary in Temecula and a resident of Reidy Creek in Escondido, clinched

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Recipients with their families

Celebrating Excellence

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By Michelle Zipse / Resident

On May 21, the Hidden Meadows Foundation hosted its annual Scholarship Award Banquet at the beloved Sideyard Pub. Known for its warm ambiance and community spirit, the Sideyard Pub, run by the ever-supportive Shari and Alex Petric, provided the perfect setting for this special occasion. The Petric duo, ardent supporters of the local community and the scholarship program, had previously held a successful fundraiser in March to bolster the scholarship fund. Their ongoing commitment to Hidden Meadows is a testament to the thriving neighborhood spirit we cherish.

The Scholarship Award Banquet is a highlight of our community calendar, celebrating the academic and community achievements of our local high school graduates who are set to embark on their college journeys this fall. This year, six exceptional students were honored with scholarships, each demonstrating outstanding merit and a dedication to community service

Each scholarship recipient received not only a financial reward but also a backpack filled with goodies. These backpacks were generously donated by Dawn Fuller, who heads up the Seller's Faire. The scholarship committee did an outstanding job selecting the recipients, conducting interviews with each one, and composing the gifts. The committee was chaired by Bonnie Metzger and included Vickey Ciarlanti, the Vice President of the Foundation, Michelle Zipse, the President of the Foundation, and Lynn Wheeler.

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JUNE HIDDEN MEADOWS EVENTS

Hidden Meadows Sellers' Faire Sunday, June 9th, 10am - 2pm Lower Lot Boulder Oaks Golf Course

Hidden Meadows Community Garage Sale

Saturday, June 15th 8am - 2pm
Garage Sale Maps at
HomeSmart Office,
or in a designated bin at the 4-Way Stop

Vintage Car Show

Saturday, June 22nd 10am – 1pm Locations: Parking Lots: HomeSmart, The Market, The Deli, CoinOp CoOp, SideYard

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Valley Center's biggest weekend has arrived

By DAVID ROSS

The 74th annual Western Days, Valley Center's biggest weekend of the year, has official arrived, with warmish, but not too hot weather projected for the various activities that will culminate with the parade Saturday morning down Valley Center Road with Assemblywoman Marie Waldron as grand marshal.

Volunteers for Western Days have been having their final meetings. They had their final "All Hands" meeting Tuesday evening. They are preparing to bring residents a rousing parade, a rip-roaring Guns & Hoses Chili Cookoff, the climax to the Honorary Mayor's race, topped off by what is probably the largest festival ever.

That parade will be led by Assemblywoman Waldron

of the 75th District, who is in her final year in the Assembly. The community wanted to thank her for bringing \$1 million in funds to the Valley Center Fire Protection District last year. She'll be riding in the fire engine, named Marie, in which she secured funding for.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. and should be over around noon. It will begin on Cole Grade at the Post Office, turn right on Valley Center Road and continue to Lilac Road.

Just make sure that you get yourself in place to enjoy the parade 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 entry. They include Station 1, start of parade, David Ross; Announcer's Station 2, Indian Creek Road, Craig Adams; Announcer's Station 3, Miller Road, Charles & Marsi Carr; Announcer's Station 4, Canyon Road, Tabetha Martin; Announcer's Station 5, Chaparral Terrace, Oliver Smith; Announcer's Station 6, end of parade - Jamie Lenos-Terfehr.

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.

For the 3rd year before the parade Valley Center Trails is sponsoring the 5K running and walking event along the parade route. VC Trails has also added a Kids Fun Run. 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 Roadrunner) where for the first time the Valley Center High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) will take over the duties of

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The Western Days festival tent goes up Tuesday morning at the Valley Center Municipal Water District property off Lilac Road. This will be the location of Friday night's Guns & Hoses Chili Cook-off and other activities.

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Community Events for Hidden Meadows and Rim Rock Residents

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(2024 Community Events)

◆Hidden Meadows Community Garage Sale ◆ June 15, 2024 ◆ 8am - 2pm

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Christina Stendl selling her Sweet Cheeks treats.



Lisa Saget with her jewelry creations

Exciting Times at the June 9th Seller's Faire!

By Michelle Zipse / Resident

Hidden Meadows, mark your calendars! The much-anticipated Seller's Faire is just around the corner, set to take place on Sunday, June 9, from 10 AM to 2 PM in the lower parking lot of the Boulder Oaks Golf Course, located at 10333 Meadow Glen Way East, Escondido.

This beloved event, a staple in our community, promises an array of attractions that cater to all tastes and interests. As always, one of the main highlights will be the bake sale. Our local bakers are renowned for their culinary skills, and this month's bake sale is expected to showcase a mouth-watering assortment of delectable and beautifully crafted treats. Whether you have a sweet tooth or prefer savory delights, there will be something for everyone.

Additionally, Dell MacCray from Blade Wright knife sharpening will be on-site to offer his expert services. Bring your knives, tools, or any items with a blade, and Dell will ensure they are sharpened to perfection.

The Seller's Faire will feature over 60 vendors, which is a full house for us. This months's roster includes a full spectrum of crafters and artists who will be displaying homemade items such as jewelry, sewn goods, and knitted creations. The creativity and talent of our local artisans never cease to amaze, and this Faire is the perfect opportunity to discover unique, handcrafted treasures.

Moreover, the event will host several non-profit informational booths. Organizations such as the Fire Safety Council and our very own local Horse Rescue will be present to share their important work with the community. These booths provide valuable insights and resources, highlighting the incredible efforts of various groups within Hidden



The Assistance League will be back and accepting donations for their wonderful work in our community. Please bring your household donations to help their

Meadows.

Attendance at the Seller's Faire is free, making it an accessible and enjoyable outing for everyone. It's an excellent chance to support local businesses, learn about community initiatives, and spend a delightful day with family and friends.

This event, like all activities in Hidden Meadows, is sponsored and supported by the Hidden Meadows Foundation.

We are dedicated to fostering a vibrant, engaged community through events like the Seller's Faire. If you have any questions about the Foundation or wish to get involved, please visit our website at www.hiddenmeadowsfoundation. org or email us at HMSellersfaire@ gmail.com.

Come down, join the fun, and see what the Seller's Faire has to offer. We look forward to seeing you there!

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Upcoming budget

By JIM DESMOND

Over the coming weeks, the County of San Diego will actively seek community input, deliberate, make adjustments, and ultimately adopt the 2024-2025 budget. This is one of the most important times of the year because it is crucial that we spend taxpayer dollars effectively while maintaining a healthy financial state through strong operating reserves. I firmly believe that this money belongs to the community, not the government, and it must be used wisely to improve the lives of all San Diegans.

I am thrilled to share some highlights from our proposed budget, which includes numerous initiatives designed to enhance our community's safety, well-being, and overall quality of life in North County.

Here are some of the key investments we are making.

Road Maintenance (\$4.5 million additional for a total of \$65.5 million): This funding will help maintain 2,000 miles of roadways. Well-maintained roads are crucial for safe and efficient transportation, reducing vehicle damage and improving travel times.

Parks and Libraries (\$33.5 million for parks, \$569,000 for libraries): These funds will support the operation of park facilities and libraries, enhancing recreational and educational opportunities. Improvements include photovoltaic panels on the Fallbrook Library roof, promoting sustainability and reducing energy costs.

Tri-City Psychiatric Health Facility (Over \$9 million): This new 13,560-square-foot, 16-bed facility in Oceanside will increase access to psychiatric inpatient care, addressing the critical need for mental health services in our community.

Regional Homeless Assistance (\$15 million): This funding will continue supporting services in the unincorporated area, helping individuals and families transition out of homelessness and into stable housing.

Affordable Housing Developments (5 developments with 376 units, 8 more planned): These developments will provide much-needed affordable housing, helping to alleviate the housing crisis and ensure that more community members have access to safe and affordable homes.

North County Family Justice Center (One Safe Place, serving 8,000 individuals): This center provides comprehensive services to victims of abuse, including legal assistance, counseling, and emergency shelter, helping them rebuild their lives.

Older Californians Nutrition Program (423,500 meals at 28 sites): This program ensures that older adults have access to nutritious meals, promoting their health and well-being.

Animal Services (\$11.3 million): Funding includes a mobile veterinary clinic for underserved areas, ensuring all pets receive the care they need and supporting responsible pet ownership.

Sheriff's Patrol Stations (\$86.9 million): Supporting community safety through 6 Sheriff's patrol stations that serve various unincorporated communities and contracted services to cities.

These are just a few of the many items I'm focused on for our 2024-25 budget. These investments will significantly benefit our community by enhancing our infrastructure, supporting mental health and substance use recovery, addressing homelessness, increasing housing opportunities, and improving public safety and health.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if there are specific items or additional priorities you would like to see addressed in our budget. Your input is invaluable as we strive to meet the diverse needs of North County.

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.

Higher gas prices

By MARIE WALDRON, 75th Assembly District

California's gas taxes are the highest in the nation, and they are set to go even higher. Most of you probably know that we have yearly, built in gas tax increases, and they are scheduled to go up by another two cents per gallon on July 1.

But many may not know that the California Air Resources Board (CARB) plans to increase gas prices by up to 47 cents a gallon next year, and up to 52 cents in 2026. A hearing on the scheduled increases was scheduled for March, but was postponed.

After Hawaii, Californians are burdened by the nation's highest cost of living. Unfortunately, this burden falls hardest on those least able to afford it. According to the AAA, the average price of unleaded regular gasoline in California is \$5.17, compared to the national average of \$3.61. High gasoline and diesel prices increase the cost of all goods made with petroleum ingredients or transported by truck, which is practically everything. Hard working Californians simply can't afford these ongoing cost increases.

My colleagues and I recently wrote a letter to CARB's chair expressing our concerns about soaring gas prices during this time of heightened economic uncertainty and inflation. We are also concerned about a lack of transparency regarding these policies and their economic impact on consumers. In short, we are asking for specific answers from CARB, which is an un-elected body that wields immense economic power over millions of people.

Most Californians will continue to rely on gasoline and diesel for decades to come. Increasing the cost of the gasoline they must use will not lead to a cleaner environment, but it will lead to increased poverty and economic insecurity. We must do better

To view our letter to CARB, please click here.

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.

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flipping flapjacks, turning sausages, scrambling eggs and squeezing orange juice for Western Days before the parade. On May 15, the Rotary Club of Valley Center passed the baton to the FFA after decades of being in charge of the breakfast. They also donated all of the cooking equipment such as the four cooktop stoves, propane tanks, utensils, etc.

This year, unlike 2023, there will be no concerns about equine units staying away from the parade due to a countywide infection of VSV, which affected half of our entries last year.

Parade Chairwoman Laura Gordon, who is also president of the Western Days board told The Roadrunner, "We should have close to 80 entries. A first time entry we're excited about this year is the Antique Gas & Steam Museum with an original steam tractor. We're also thrilled to have return fun entries like the Axlebenders - the Jeeps that climb on top of each other and the Charros - the dancing horses, and of course our award winning Valley Center Middle School jazz band and high school marching band. It should be a great parade! This is McDonald General Engineering's 40th consecutive year in the Western Days parade".

It will take some time for CHP to reopen the roads, so please have patience.

Keep in mind that by order of the VC Fire Chief and VC Sheriff's Lieutenant there is a No Drone Zone for the Valley Center Western Days Parade in the airspace over VC Road and surrounding areas throughout the morning on June 1, especially during the parade.

A new feature at the festival, which is again being held at the Valley Center Municipal Water District property on Lilac Road across from the Community Center, is a tamale area. Angel Aguilar and his wife, Sohaila of USA Multicultural will bring four tamale vendors to Western Days festival. They have been involved with the Escondido Tamale Festival at Escondido's Grape Day Park. The plan is to bring a full Tamale Festival to the event next year.

For the second year the Car Corral will be featured at the festival. It is put together by Richard "Roscoe" Tanner. You'll find the cars along with the big tent, vendors and various entertainments to be found on Saturday, June 1, right after the parade. They expect a mixture of classic and vintage cars. For the non-initiated, a "classic" car is 25 years and newer and "vintage" is older than a classic.

The Car Corral will include a People's Choice ballot for the best cars of a particular type and a 50/50 drawing for raffle tickets that will be sold by VCHS football players and members of the Miss Valley Center pageant. They will share the proceeds from this drawing. The football players will also park cars for the show.

There are 111 vendors this year, according to Justin Salter, who is in charge of the festival this year. Other activities include, for the first time, a farmer's market, plus a pie eating contest, great bands and even line dancing lessons.

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.

"The Guns & Hoses Chili Cook off will be on the festival grounds Friday night. 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. It costs \$5 to sample all the chili. Funds raised benefit the fire explorer program.

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.

"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."

According to the Western Days Festival Chairman, "This year's theme is simply "Welcome Home!" We have a lot of new residents in our wonderful town—many of whom don't know about our traditions. We simply want them to feel welcomed and included. For those who live at Park Circle—and are new to the community—please come, take part and celebrate in the festivities. "Welcome home!" is also a term of endearment for our little town. After a long vacation, or grueling workday it's always nice to come "home" to our Valley. After all Valley Center is our home."

Questions about Western Days? Visit WesternDays. org or send a text to 760-440-8293 (VCWD)



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the prize for the putting contest. Despite being the only woman in the tournament and a novice golfer who typically enjoys virtual golf on her Wii, Breglio's longest putt, closest to the hole, earned her a \$100 gift card. Her husband remarked on her prowess in Putt Putt, which seemed to pay off handsomely on the green.

John Webster won the "Closest to the Pin" category, taking home a \$50 gift card to Golf Mart, while Lucas Libby secured the "Longest Drive" title, also winning a \$50 Golf Mart gift card. The first-place team, composed of Dave VanSumer, John Webster, Dominic Gross, and Bill Vickers, each received backpacks filled with golf-related items and gift cards, celebrating their top performance.

The event also featured a vibrant raffle with over 30 prizes, and a 50/50 raffle that split the proceeds between the winner and the scholarship fund.

the longest putt

Julie Breglio winning





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Rich Marin throwing a Bocci ball at the Henderson's

Hidden Meadows Garden Tours

By Idalia Rewar

This month the Hidden Meadows Garden Club scheduled a tour of 3 members' gardens/homes. We started off on a cloudy, cool morning but soon enough the sun greeted us and it turned out to be a very sunshiny good day.

Our tour started at Mike and Alicia Quandrozzi's property. The Quandrozzi's house is located in the Lotus Pond area on top of a hill with 12 acres of slopes surrounded by fauna and flora. He had the house built and worked closely with the architect to achieve the modern architectural style he wanted. As we toured his garden, he commented that since his house sits high up on a hill the wind manages to knock some of the tops off his cacti which he has planted throughout the terrain. He offered to take us on a hike on a trail he has carved through an area which ended by a big boulder. It was a little rough, but he made it doable by tying fabric on trees by the path for us to hold onto. I must confess I made it through with the help from Phoebe Laine where every now and then I was holding on to her. She's a very nice lady who helps little old ladies like me keep her balance. Muchas gracias. Mike has

a super productive lemon tree. He gave us lemons to take home. We all took lemons and it still didn't make a dent on the tree.

Frances Munk was delighted and said she will use the lemons to make limoncello, the wonderful drink from Italy. At another event, I sampled her limoncello, and it is pretty tasty.

Our next tour was to Karen and Brian Henderson's property. We were greeted by a boulder that resembled a huge elephant. Wow, magnificent! The Henderson's have lived there for 32 years. She is now replacing many plants with indigenous specimens.

As we toured her garden someone pointed to this marvelous tree that had huge fern-like branches sticking out. Someone guessed it was a Monkey Puzzle tree, but then we looked it up on our cell phone and it turned out to be a Bunya Pine tree. (Never heard of it, or seen one, but it was amazing.) Bunya, bunya, bunya. It's got rhythm. We then walked through the garden and there was an open area with beautiful grass and a bocci court. Rich Marin decided to try his hand and threw a few balls. He evidently knew how to play

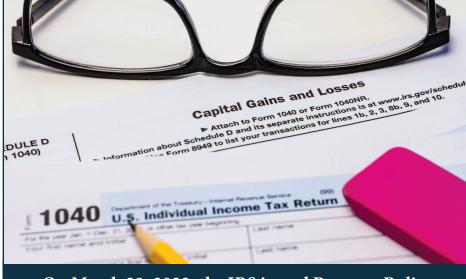




Mike Quandrozzi speaking to members



Members taking a break



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 "Cinco de Mayo" Bunco

By Pat Tanabe / Resident

On May 1st, Hidden Meadows Bunco had a "Cinco de Mayo" Fiesta. The buffet table was heavily laden with Mexican dishes provided by the group. The feast included the following: tacos; quesadillas; taquitos; layered bean dip; equites pasta salad; sweet corn cake; tortilla soup; Mexican wedding cookies; and assorted salsas. There were margaritas and wine to accompany the food. We all needed a siesta after sampling all the delicious dishes, however, we still had to play Bunco!

It is common during bunco to hear shrieks of laughter and exclamations of "bunco" and "baby" (also called a baby bunco or mini bunco) during the game. This month there were also shouts of olé, chimichanga, uno, dos, and other Mexican words or names of dishes! At a break in play, we took turns trying to open the piñata.

Deanna broke open the piñata on her first swing! There were several people who preceded Deanna that may have helped weaken the piñata with their mighty swings. Out the piñata spilled candy, chip clips, tiny hand finger puppets (pictured below) and other objects. Afterwards we continued playing bunco, eating & drinking, and playing with our piñata prizes. As always, the bunco group has a lot of fun, enjoys great food and camaraderie.

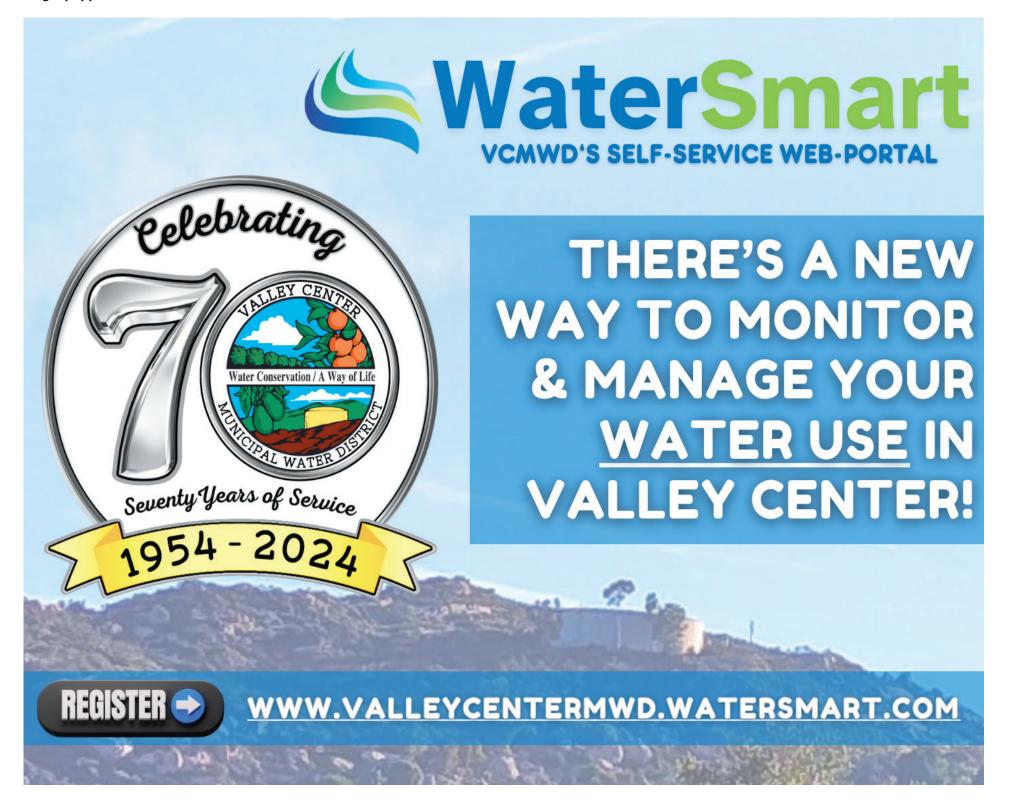
Hidden Meadows Bunco group plays on the 1st Wednesday of the month. No experience is needed and it's easy to learn. It is a great way to make new friends and meet new neighbors. If you are interested, please contact us at bunco-hm@yahoo.com.





L-R Top Row: Vicki Kiehl, Debbie Lai, Beth Klein, Laura Bowersox, Beckie Dominguez, Deanna Console L-R Bottom Row: Val Fields, Pat Tanabe, Barb Vargas Dannielle Milliken, Jen Hill, Lou Pena

Finger puppets



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the game. I saw the crowd head off in another direction, I followed and lo and behold there were 2 beautifully restored vintage tractors. Nice toys!!

Our final stop was not too far at John and Julie Brooks' Ranch. The Brooks' house features a pool with a rock waterfall and a super view from the back yard. The Brooks have an avocado grove on their property. We were treated to a talk by Al Stehly, who manages the grove with John – Julie's husband. Al gave us a lecture on avocados. He sure is a pro at tending to them. His company manages citrus, grape vines, and avocado groves. He said there are 600 varieties of avocado.

These at the Brooks' are Haas – which are the most commonly available in stores. He mentioned that avocados ripen after they are picked and not on the tree. They require a lot of water. He researches ways of managing the water situation by using a dendrometer. What is a dendrometer? According to Google

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A special thanks goes out to Mr. Peter Kim and his wife, the proprietors of Boulder Oaks. Setting up this tournament was a generous donation to the educational futures of our local students.

The Boulder Oaks Golf Tournament not only showcased the community's love for golf but also their commitment to supporting education and local youth. With such a dedicated group of volunteers and organizers, led by the indefatigable Vickey Ciarlanti, Hidden Meadows can look forward to many more successful events in the future.

For more information on the Hidden Meadows Foundation Scholarship Fund or to contribute, please check out the website at: www.hiddenmeadowsfoundation.org

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"Dendrometers are precision sensors that can measure the growth of plants. Specifically, dendrometers are used by researchers, growers and foresters to measure the growth of a stem, trunk, branch, roots or fruits over time." It puts out a graph on how the tree is doing. Very interesting - you learn something every day. Many questions were asked since many of the residents in Hidden Meadows have one or more avocado trees and were interested in avocado growing and its challenges.

After the lecture Julie offered to give us a tour of her house. Oh my goodness – I was overwhelmed by the art in this house. Everything you see furniture, collectibles, and accessories are unique and all works of art. Julie is a sculptor and artist. Her work, and the work of family members is displayed throughout the house and grounds.

The Brooks have amazing skills and taste. I love art – and this house is full of all kinds.

Julie's sculptures are very intricate, some playful, some serious, and very ingenious

The morning ended with refreshments on Julie's patio. Then we walked back to Kim's house who lives nearby and bid farewell to all. What a way to spend a splendid day!

Thank you to all the hosts for their house and garden tours, to all the members, and to Kim Marin who made it all possible.

Be sure to come support the Garden Club's huge plant sale at the Seller's Faire June 9th from 10:00 am to 2:00 PM. There will be many spectacular plants, decorative arrangements, wreaths, and much, much more!

If you are interested in joining the Garden Club, send an e-mail to kimgroggmarin@gmail.com

BOOK REVIEW by Lynn Clark

"After Annie" - by Anna Quindlen

Best Selling author Anna Quindlen is known for writing books about relationships. This novel explores the death of a woman named Annie, and how her sudden passing affects her inner circle of family and friends.

Her husband remembers their early married life and his enduring love for her, and he wonders how he will survive without her. Ali, her very young daughter, immediately takes over the responsibilities of the household and her siblings, but still has to contend with growing up as a teenager. Her best friend Annemarie is a recovering addict, and hopes that Annie's past influence in her life will still hold her on course to keep fighting her addiction and stay "pill" free. There is only one word to describe Annie's mother-inlaw's reaction: cold.

What will really remain with you when you finish this book? Will it be what you remember about your loved ones that have passed; or will you wonder what others will remember about you, when you are gone?

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Tarantulas: Misunderstood Arachnids

By Zoe Kessler, Written for The Escondido Creek Conservancy

A few weeks ago, [Escondido Creek Conservancy] preserve manager Jamison Lauria spotted a couple tarantulas, Aphonopelma, at Quarry Preserve lurking beneath the shrubbery.

"You don't always see tarantulas but when you do, it's kind of exciting," Lauria said.

These large arachnids get a bad reputation, due to their frightening eight-legged exterior. Despite stereotypes, tarantulas are not aggressive. In fact, they are quite docile.

However, if backed into a corner, they do have a neat trick up their legs. Tarantulas' unusual defense mechanism is not their bite, but their hair. Tarantulas throw hairs from their abdomen when feeling threatened. These hairs can be painful and cause a rash, but they also deter predators.

Tarantulas, in contrast to other spiders, don't spin webs to catch their prey, but instead wait for crickets, grasshoppers, cicadas, millipedes, caterpillars and even other spiders to walk by or into their burrows, according to Mission Times Courier.

Unlike other arachnids, whose lifespan is normally about two years, tarantulas have quite a long life. Female tarantulas can live up to 25 years.

"It's neat to think when you're out and about that this small creature in relativity can have been roaming the grounds for over two decades," Lauria noted.

Unlike their female counterparts, male tarantulas only live for about seven to eight years. According to KQED, male tarantulas spend between five and eight years living a solitary life in a burrow before going out to find a willing female mate. Once the male and female mate,

the male dies around six months later.

The most common tarantula species in San Diego, according to Mission Times Courier, are the California Black Tarantula (Aphonopelma eutylenum) and the San Diego Bronze Tarantula (Aphonopelma reversum).

Next time you see a hairy tarantula out on the trails remember to be respectful of them and their home. Feel free to mindfully observe these eightlegged creatures as they amble through nature for years to come.

The Escondido Creek Conservancy headquarters is here in Hidden Meadows at the 693-acre Mountain Meadows Preserve. The office is 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 Conservancy is staffed lightly for a very big job, protecting 3,000 acres throughout the Escondido Creek watershed, and providing outdoor education programs to thousands of children and adults.

It is part of a larger effort by the conservation partners to preserve natural open spaces in the Escondido Creek watershed and North County. Escondido Creek begins in Bear Valley (east of Lake Wohlford), then travels 26 miles west emptying into the San Elijo Lagoon.

Volunteers are critical partners in the Conservancy's success. A Working Wednesday group of volunteers meets every Wednesday morning at the preserve. All who are ready to get their hands dirty are welcome! Contact linda_J_collins@sbcglobal. net for more information on how to join us.



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Landree Stewart and Kelsey Hoeffliger, 2 of the scholarship winners with Bonnie Metzger, scholarship chair and Heather Davila,

Mariela Gomez and her family at the award dinner

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Foundation Board member

The scholarship selection process is rigorous, ensuring that only the most deserving students receive these awards. Applicants must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.5, submit a compelling essay outlining their reasons for seeking the scholarship, and provide a personal bio to help the selection committee and the community get to know them better.

Here's a closer look at this year's scholarship recipients:

Mariela Rodriguez - A high school senior at Escondido High School, Mariela has lived in Hidden Meadows for 18 years. She is bilingual and has tutored her family and mentored at Rincon Middle School. Mariela has taken 11 AP courses and college-level courses, and has been active in FFA, Girls Rock, and the Farm to Table Programs. She has also volunteered extensively in the community and at her church. Mariela plans to attend Cal State San Marcos and Sumner College in Oregon to pursue a degree in Nursing.

Nadia Gonzales - Nadia, a senior at Escondido High School, moved to Hidden Meadows three years ago from Northern California. She plans to attend Palomar College and transfer to a UC to major in Computer Science and Engineering. Nadia's dedication and resilience are evident in her academic achievements and her involvement in water polo, where she served as captain and led her team to a CIF Division 2 championship.

Landree Stewart - Landree is a straight-A student at Escondido High School, where she has been a member of the varsity Cross Country and Track and Field teams, as well as an active participant in FFA. She enjoys running, reading, being outdoors, and painting. Landree will attend UC San Diego to major in Biology, with plans to pursue a career in scientific research.

Cooper Kellerman - Cooper has lived in Hidden Meadows his entire life and is passionate about dirt biking and water polo. He has led his water polo team to a CIF Division 2 championship as captain. Cooper will attend San Diego State University to study Mechanical Engineering.

Aimee Welch - Aimee is a senior at Calvin Christian School and has lived in Hidden Meadows since she was two years old. She loves soccer and Track and Field, focusing on the high jump. Aimee has committed to Biola University to major in Business with an emphasis on Social Media.

Kelsey Hoeffliger - A graduating senior at Escondido High School, Kelsey has been deeply involved in various school activities, including serving as ASB Vice President and Treasurer, NHS President, and FFA officer. She has also played Girls Golf and Girls Water Polo. Kelsey will attend Cal Poly San Luis Obispo to major in Agriculture Communications and plans to continue into law school.

The evening was a heartwarming celebration of these students' achievements and potential. It was also a poignant reminder of the importance of community support and involvement. Alex and Shari Petric's dedication to fostering educational opportunities exemplifies the spirit of Hidden Meadows.

We extend our deepest gratitude to the Sideyard Pub for hosting this memorable event and for their unwavering support of our youth. The success of the Scholarship Award Banquet is a collective triumph, one that speaks volumes about the strength and unity of our community.

Here's to the bright futures of our scholarship recipients and to the continued prosperity of Hidden Meadows!



Cooper Kellerman, Nadia Gonzalez, Mariella Gomez, Aimee Welch, 4 of our 2024 Scholarship recipients



Bonnie Metzger, Vickey Ciarlanti, Nadia Gonzalez, Lynn Wheeler and Michelle Zipse



Cooper Kellerman with his family at the award dinner