

South County Business News

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Early bird pricing available through Sept. 16 for Annual Dinner & Recognition Awards

SOUTH SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY — South County Chambers of Commerce will recognize the community award winners next month at its Annual Dinner & Recognition Awards at Villa Loriana on October 5. The award presentations will include 2022 Business of the Year for South County, 2022 Ken Talley Youth Service Award, and 2022 Chamber Ambassador of the Year.

The Business of the Year Award recognizes one business for all South San Luis Obispo County who has contributed significantly to strengthening the South County economy, community, and/or workforce. Rutiz Family Farms earned the title for 2020 and The Spoon Trade/Grover Beach Sourdough won for 2021. This year's winner will be voted on from the eight businesses selected as Business of the Month for 2022: Nipomo Recreation Association (February

2022), Grocery Outlet of Arroyo Grande (March 2022), Beachside Window Cleaners (April 2022), Grover Station Grill (May 2022), Pismo Beach Homes (June 2022), CoastHills Credit Union (July 2022), PG&E (August 2022), and Kimberley Victor with Mary Kay Cosmetics (September 2022). The Marketing Committee of the South County Chambers of Commerce—a group of local business owners who represent various industries—select the Business of the Month after reviewing nominations from the community submitted via the Chamber website. Voting for 2022 Business of the Year will launch soon.

The Ken Talley Youth Service Award recognizes an individual for outstanding contributions to youth in South County. The award includes a \$1,000 grant to the local youth organization of their choice. Jeff Long of Nipomo Recreation Association won the award for 2020-2021.

Please click [here](#) to nominate your choice for the Ken Talley Youth Service Award by September 14.

Kassi Dee of Nan's Pre-Owned Books won the title of 2021 Chamber Ambassador of the Year. Chamber ambassadors welcome new members and assist at Chamber events.

At this year's Annual Dinner, Field to Table Catering & Events will serve a delicious meal and hors d'oeuvres. Music and sound will be provided by Epic Entertainment. Sunshine & Reign Photography will be this year's event photographers.

To take advantage of early bird pricing, please reserve your seats [here](#) by September 16. Tables of 10 are also available for purchase. To donate a valuable item or service for the live auction, please click [here](#). Thanks to Sentinel Peak Resources for their sponsorship of this year's event. For additional sponsorship opportunities, please call (805) 489-1488.

Chamber Business of the Month for September: Kimberley Victor with Mary Kay Cosmetics

The Marketing Committee of the South County Chambers of Commerce—a group of local business owners who represent various industries—selected Kimberley Victor with Mary Kay Cosmetics as the Business of the Month for September 2022.

In 2015, Kimberley founded Fashions for a Purpose (FFAP), a nonprofit organization backed by The Mary Kay Foundation and based in Nipomo. Since its inception, FFAP has raised over \$115,000 to sup-

port domestic violence victims, shelters, and programs, in San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties. Their purpose is to engage, educate, and empower as they promote safe dating practices and raise awareness against domestic violence.

"Kimberly is professional and gives back. She is spirited, community focused, and her business empowers others. She works hard to promote her business and supports others" said one of the many community members who nominated



Kimberley for this award.

Kimberley is also a Chamber ambassador. Learn more about FFAP and their October 8th fundraiser event [here](#).

UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

Thursday, September 1

Nipomo Business Meeting
8:30 am to 9:30 am
New location: Legacy Village Wellness Centers at 230 Hans Pl. in Nipomo

(No September meeting for the Pismo Beach Business Meeting)

Thursday, September 8:

Ambassadors meeting
8 am to 9 am at the Chamber conference room in Arroyo Grande

Thursday, September 15:

Arroyo Grande Business Meeting 8:30 to 9:30 am
Banner Coffee
995 E. Grand Ave.
in Arroyo Grande

Friday, Sept. 16:

Grover Beach Business Meeting 12 noon to 1 pm
The Launch Pad cowork office in Grover Beach
391 Front St. Suite E

Wednesday, Sept. 21:

Chamber breakfast
7:30 am to 9 am
Rooftop of Inn at the Pier in Pismo Beach (outdoors)

Thursday, Sept. 22:

Arroyo Grande Candidates Forum at the South County Regional Center 6 pm

Wed. September 28:

Membership Mixer at Exploration Discovery Center in Grover Beach
5 pm to 7 pm

Friday, September 30:

Governmental Affairs meeting via Zoom
8 am to 9:15 am

Update from Supervisor Lynn Compton, District 4: Oceano, Nipomo, and Arroyo Grande

Hi Chamber members:

I thought I'd share the exciting news on newly proposed legislation written to extend operations at the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant. As you are all likely aware, this facility contributes approximately \$1 billion to our annual economy.

Many of you know from my last update, that the Board of Supervisors, by a 3:2 vote majority (one recusal), has consistently voted for, and directed our Sacramento lobbyists to work toward extending the operations at the Diablo Canyon Power plant past their originally proposed sunset date. Recently, your Board of Supervisors wrote a letter to Governor Newsom indicating our support for this extension and requesting he support our efforts.

In a recent and surprising turn of events, the Governor's office is now increasingly making the argument that the

state's current electric power grid will not be ready to meet the state's increasing renewable energy demands should this plant go offline as was planned, creating a situation where we could increasingly see rolling blackouts until this demand can be met with other renewables that just aren't in place yet. Consequently, upon the realization that shortages are imminent, there have been recent meetings and discussions about continuing the operations at this facility for an additional, reasonable timeframe.

I am beyond excited to announce that last night, legislation was introduced that would direct all relevant state agencies, including the California Public Utilities Commission, State Lands Commission, State Water Resources Control Board, Coastal Commission, and PG&E as the operator of the plant, to quickly act together to take all necessary steps to extend the plant's operation beyond

the 2024-2025 proposed shutdown.

The current legislative session in Sacramento comes to a close on August 31, so state lawmakers would have to approve SB 846 by that date, and then the Governor would have to sign the bill shortly afterwards in order for the administration's plan to move forward.

This legislation would continue the operations five years beyond the 2024-2025 planned timeframe originally proposed for Diablo Canyon to go offline. So, keep your ears open for a decision in the next few days. You will likely hear about this in the news soon. Hopefully by the next Chamber newsletter update I will be able to definitively affirm the good news we are all hoping for.

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Respectfully,
Lynn Compton
San Luis Obispo County
District 4 Supervisor

Update from Supervisor Dawn Ortiz-Legg, District 3: Avila Beach, Grover Beach, Pismo Beach, and San Luis Obispo

Hello fellow Chamber members:

Well, summer is almost over and while you may not have seen us for a while, it doesn't mean we haven't gotten things done these past few months. On the contrary, there's a lot to report!

In August, with a 5-0 vote, San Luis Obispo County Supervisors approved a new 5-year-plan to address homelessness in our communities by 50 percent.

The plan approved by Supervisors aims to curb homelessness by 50 percent in 5 years. The plan represents months of collaboration and input from the public, various agencies, and non-profits who work with the homeless, formerly homeless clients, and cities throughout the county.

"What we have is a plan that focuses on streamlining resources, strengthening partnerships among cities and other agencies, and regular accountability of how the program is working as we progress," said County Administrative Officer Wade Horton.

The focus will happen because the Board's approval allows for a division on homelessness, and that's a significant part of the issue. This is a very complex problem to manage among various de-

partments. Now we have leadership and accountability with a Homeless Division.

In South County, the County's partnership with 5 Cities Homeless Coalition and City of Grover Beach is making notable progress on creating more beds. In addition, I continue to work on innovations in housing options. My dream is to see more dormitories, boarding houses and small cottage subdivisions available to workers and seniors who need affordable choices.

During the third week in August, various SLO County departments took part in an exercise drill in association with PG&E employees to prepare for an emergency training at Diablo Canyon. We are mandated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to do drills like this every two years. FEMA evaluates the County and off-site agencies involved and the NRC evaluates Diablo staff.

The exercise starts with a call to staff that there has been an incident and to report to the Emergency Operations Center. We have no idea what the mock incident is or how it will unfold. It helps us learn the potential impacts to the



people we serve and helps us best protect the health and safety of our community and hone our communication skills. This exercise was a dry run to prepare newer employees and a practice round for an upcoming higher level of drill.

On August 18, I was honored to be a guest at the ACI Jet Open House. ACI Jet is the beautiful building, just south of the San Luis Obispo County Airport. ACI offers jet maintenance for medium-size, private aircraft and is the authorized maintenance location for Bombardier, the Canadian aircraft manufacturer of this type of aircraft. ACI's location on the Central Coast has brought numerous economic and logistical benefits to our region. The event provided an in-person chance for the County of San Luis

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Arroyo Grande News

Hello esteemed Chamber members:

It's the exciting report you've been waiting for! September is a very big month for Arroyo Grande. The Harvest Festival is finally back! It will be so good to get together for the one festival that is for us, by us. The Harvest Festival Committee has some brand-new events planned as well as your returning favorites. This year's theme is appropriately, "Coming Together."

Businesses can participate in the Scarecrow Contest by putting up a decorated scarecrow in your window or frontage. Judging is the week of September 19.

New for 2022: For the first time in 30 years, the dinner/dance will return. Hosted at the newly restored Tabernacle at Camp Arroyo Grande, this event "promises to be a fabulous, fun time for adults, featuring an elegant tri-tip dinner by Revolution Catering, followed by

dancing to the sounds of Five Parts Devil."

Tickets are \$65/person. Also new are history presentations at the IOOF Hall and a cornhole tournament.

Returning events include the Baking Contest (I'll be making at least one entry—gauntlet dropped!), the parade, agricultural displays at the Ag Pavilion, the Rotary Fish Fry, entertainment at the Rotary Bandstand in Heritage Square Park, and more!

I want to publicly thank the Harvest Festival Committee for their tireless work to make this special for all of us, as well as the Harvest Festival Chair, Jim Guthrie. There just aren't enough words to express my gratitude for their Herculean effort.

More information, tickets, and event entry forms are at www.agharvestfestival.com.

Caren Ray Russom

Mayor, City of Arroyo Grande

Welcome new Chamber members:

- The Mayan Collective
- New Perspective Insurance Agency
- MGP Properties
- Oceano/Five Cities Elks #2504
- Central Coast Wound Care + Hyperbarics
- Greenhouse Coffee Co.
- Miller's 76
- Virtual Views Photography & Virtual Staging
- Bond Real Estate Group
- Birchwood Garden Nipomo
- VIP Fans Club
- Nipomo Grocery Outlet
- Restorative Partners

Grover Beach News

As we continue our look into the Grover Beach major city goals, let's focus this month on Housing and Homelessness. We are all too aware that this region is one of the least affordable places to live and in need of affordable housing as well as an active response to homelessness.

With respect to affordable housing, the City updated our Land Use Element and Development Code...well, that's nice, but what does that mean?!? The City Council and the Planning Commission held several joint meetings and, with public input, approved increased housing densities and incentives to encourage housing, and we also created objective design standards so that homeowners and

developers have a straight-forward road map to project approval. For more information on what this REALLY means and how it can benefit you—please visit the City's Community Development/Planning page [here](#).

Regarding the City's response to homelessness, the City, County and the 5 Cities Homeless Coalition continue to work towards opening the first temporary emergency shelter in the South County. Work on the project site at the intersection of 16th Street and Longbranch continues and an opening date in September appears likely. The goal of this effort is to provide a path for those experiencing homelessness to achieve permanent housing and services. As

stated best on the [5CHC website](#), this shelter pilot program "will provide a comprehensive system of care that incorporates both compassion and structured guidance via an intensive case-managed, limited-stay program on a restricted campus. It will also take advantage of County services provided on the same campus just hundreds of feet away. Through these combined resources, individuals can be lifted out of homelessness and into supportive services and permanent housing. In other words, this can truly be a life-changing experience for those in need."

There are so many people that I talk with who say..."the City should do this,

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Pismo Beach News

We have exciting news about our Central Coast Blue water recycling project. The federal government has awarded us a \$14.1 million grant. We believe this federal grant will have a positive impact on our state grant application for an even larger amount. The cities of Arroyo Grande, Grover Beach, and Pismo Beach are working together to bring this water online. The three cities are planning a joint meeting this month to discuss the project in more detail.

The drought continues and we need to find more ways to conserve water. All three of our water sources—state water, ground water, and Lake Lopez—are in short supply.

At our last Council meeting, we decided to replace all of the playground equipment at Chumash Park rather than just a rehabilitation. We gave direction to move forward on replacing the playground equipment at Palisades Park as well. We also allocated funding for addi-

tional resources for our police department including license plate readers.

Our Council has been meeting monthly with our Planning Commission to provide direction on updating our General Plan and Local Coastal Plan. This has been a major project and has taken several years already. We expect to be complete sometime next year.

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Ed Waage

Mayor, City of Pismo Beach

RECENT RIBBON CUTTING



Congrats, Confidence Analytics, of Grover Beach!

We celebrated a ribbon cutting and grand opening last month with Chamber member Confidence Analytics in Grover Beach. Guests enjoyed Mexican food from Taqueria El Guero, tours of the facility, music from DJ Payne, and some fun giveaways. Grover Beach Mayor Jeff Lee also attended the ribbon cutting. Confidence Analytics was established in Washington and recently expanded to open its new lab in Grover Beach at 1030 Huston St. They serve cultivators, manufacturers, microbusinesses, and distributors with access to pharmaceutical-grade analysis of cannabis products to meet and exceed regulatory requirements for consumer protection. Through scientific integrity and industry expertise, Confidence Analytics provides exceptional quality assurance of trusted cannabis brands and works toward a world where cannabis products are safe, available, honest, and understood. Their experienced team of chemists and microbiologists serve cannabis businesses in their brand-new, state-of-the-art facility in Grover Beach. For more information about Confidence Analytics, please visit testedwithconfidence.com, or email info@conflabs.com.



3: Dates Venues

Drive-Up Pick Up Parties!

Saturday, Sept. 17
10am-1pm
St. Patrick's

Catholic Church
501 Fair Oaks Ave., Arroyo Grande

Saturday, Sept. 24
10am-1pm
New Life
Community Church

990 James Way, Pismo Beach

Saturday, Oct. 01
10am-1pm
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We hope you'll join Arroyo Grande Community Hospital Foundation as we Rise & Rally! During the month of October, teams of community members will participate in online fundraising to support advanced mammography & biopsy technology.



Our Cause:

Early detection is key in the fight against cancer, and technological advancements have made this more achievable than ever. Arroyo Grande Community Hospital Foundation is partnering with the community to raise funds to bring Hologic 3Dimensions Mammography and Biopsy technology to our community, increasing breast cancer survival rates for local women.

Ways to Participate

1. Become a **Team Leader!** Put together a team of your friends, family, co-workers, business associates (think big!) Each team will have a personal fundraising page to share with friends & family via social media, email, etc. Email montisa.lopez@dignityhealth.org or call 805-994-5421 to get started!
2. Become a **Supporting Sponsor** for only \$250 (includes recognition during the month of October and at the event)
3. Support a team at SupportArroyoGrande.org
4. Join us at the family-friendly **Rise & Rally Celebration March and Car Show** on Sunday, November 6th at the Matthew Will Memorial Medical Building. **Dress in pink!**

Ready to join us?

Email or call and we will get all the information to you by September 6th!

New Chamber Member Highlights




Welcome Greenhouse Coffee Company!

Greenhouse Coffee Company is a family-run coffee shop that serves delicious coffee, elevated food, and fresh goodies daily in Arroyo Grande at 1064 E. Grand Ave. They specialize in craft coffee and certified good vibes. A dynamic dad-daughter duo serves at the heart of Greenhouse. Both Mark and his daughter, Emily, have extensive restaurant and cafe experience. Mark's background is primarily in pioneering businesses and organizations, while Emily has worked extensively in the L.A. restaurant scene. Cheryl, Mark's wife and Emily's mom, is a local chef who comes from a restaurant background. Mark and his wife Cheryl's international travels have inspired them by the global coffee scene in London, Sydney, Auckland, and many other places. Greenhouse Coffee Company is part of a larger social justice movement called Hope United, a collective of people who live with a mission to bring good to humanity. At Greenhouse, they give back by sourcing products from third-world micro entrepreneurs and by donating part of their profit to help the needy. Learn more at greenhousecoffeecompany.com

Welcome The Mayan Collective!


The Mayan Collective represents Karla and Spencer, a husband-and-wife team based in Arroyo Grande who make hand-poured soy wax candles with natural ingredients, no dyes, and no chemicals. Karla is a photographer and an aspiring nursing student from Guatemala. Spencer is a registered nurse from Ohio. They both have the passion to help and serve others. Karla and Spencer started making "thank you candles" for Karla's photography clients. When they heard about families struggling in Guatemala through COVID, they decided to take their business to the next level. They send 20% of proceeds from sales to struggling families in Guatemala. Their candle bar is located at 1140 Price St. in Pismo Beach. Customers can pour their own candles with over 50 scents to choose from. For more information, please visit themayancollective.com





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Dawn Tyack
Owner/Agent

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Other City Programs and Facilities

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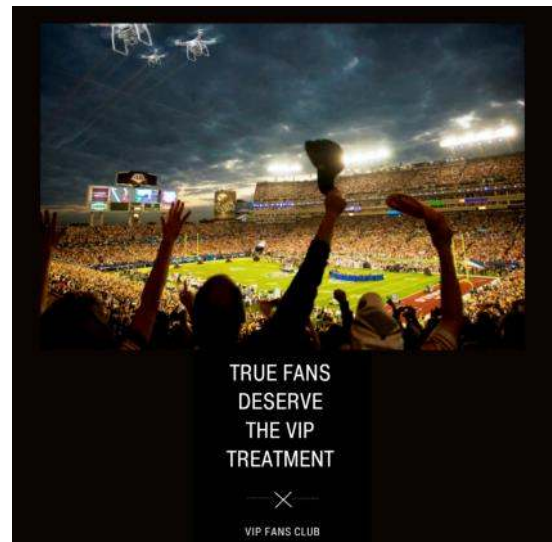


Welcome Grocery Outlet of Nipomo!

Nesrine is the owner of the new Grocery Outlet at 181 S. Frontage Rd. in Nipomo. She and her son are thrilled to be part of the community. Their grand opening will be Thursday, September 29. Grocery Outlet is the nation's largest extreme value grocery store with independently operated stores in California, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. Customers can save 40-70% off name brand groceries every day without club cards or coupons. Their produce section offers a huge selection of quality products in stock and ready for your table. There are dozens and dozens of fresh, organic fruits and veggies for less than you'll find at other grocers. Grocery Outlet provides natural, organic, specialty, and healthy products for deep discount prices. For more information, follow their Facebook page at facebook.com/NipomoGroceryOutlet.

Welcome VIP Fans Club!

If you're a sports fan or a music fan, there is a club for a VIP fan like yourself. Whether it's getting a great deal on event tickets, partying with other like-minded fans on a cruise, or contests for premium experience rewards, your VIP Club has it all. A VIP Fans Club membership is only \$49 a year and gives you access to five of their Reward Clubs. Tell them which experiences you dream about, so they can begin tailoring all their rewards to what their members really want. Membership to any of their VIP Clubs include an online community where you can interact with fans who are as committed as you, an invitation to the annual VIP Club Cruise, access to exclusive offers in each Club from their extensive partnership network, weekly reward drawings, and all the latest news and headlines about your favorite sport. Learn more at vipfansclub.com.



Welcome Miller's 76!

Miller's 76, located at 542 Five Cities Dr. #402, in Pismo Beach, provides gasoline, propane service, auto repair, and a convenience store. To make an appointment for your next oil change, smog inspection, or auto service, please call (805) 773-5727.



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Our professional staff and an army of volunteers offer programs, services, homes & relationships that empower mind-body-spirit & community transformation.

Welcome Restorative Partners!

A nonprofit organization, Restorative Partners transforms lives impacted by crime through healing services and relationships. Their vision is a safer community where everyone belongs. Their mission is to mobilize and coordinate programs that create positive changes and promote a restorative justice approach to crime in San Luis Obispo County. They pledge to respect the dignity of every person, overcome violence with love and compassion, accompany and support anyone affected by crime on their healing journey, and be an instrument of restoration, forgiveness, and reconciliation. For more information, please visit restorativepartners.org.

Welcome Virtual Views Photography & Virtual Staging!

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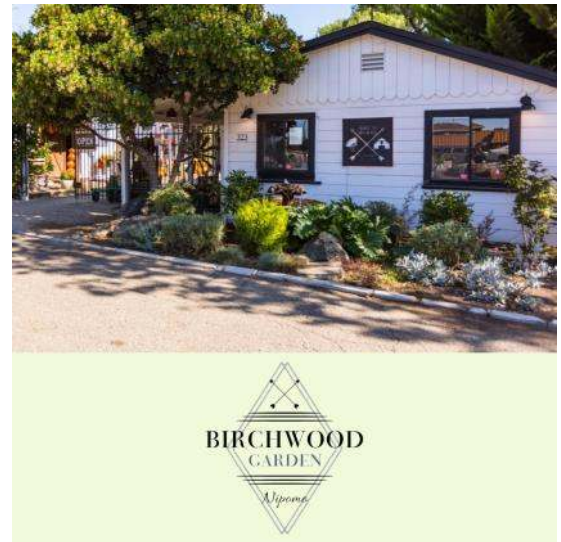


Welcome Central Coast Wound Care + Hyperbarics!

Central Coast Wound Care & Hyperbarics (CCWC) is the first and only full-service, physician-supervised wound care and hyperbaric oxygen therapy center in San Luis Obispo and North Santa Barbara Counties. Led by their wound care expert and board-certified physician, Dr. Steve Sabo, they specialize in treating a variety of wounds and medical conditions in their state-of-the-art facility centrally located in Pismo Beach. Whether you have a wound that won't heal, a surgical incision that has become infected, wounds from diabetic complications or radiation therapy, or a variety of other conditions, their wound care specialists can help you. They also offer Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT), a proven medical procedure that is used to help heal a variety of injuries and wounds by delivering pressurized 100% oxygen directly to the blood cells, plasma, cerebrospinal fluid, bones, and lymph. CCWC is located at 901 Oak Park Blvd. #103 in Pismo Beach. Learn more at ccwounds.com.

Welcome Birchwood Garden in Nipomo!

Birchwood Garden in Nipomo feels like a magical haven of tranquility. They are a nursery and gift shop dedicated to their Nipomo and Central Coast residents. Upon entering Birchwood, you are immediately greeted with the breathtaking greenery and wildlife on their grounds. You will feel the positivity and charm of their age-old pepper trees. Birchwood is even more beautiful at night with its lighted trees and pathways. There are many structures on the property full of charm: a pergola for tea, the greenhouse for your intimate birthday party, and an adorable gift shop full of unique items and Birchwood merchandise. Whether you're shopping for candles, cocktail kits, something for baby, or jewelry, you'll find it all here. Keep an eye on their [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) pages for the weekly food truck lineup. Birchwood Nipomo is located at 323 W. Tefft St. in Nipomo. Visit birchwoodnipomo.com for more information.



Welcome Oceano/Five Cities Elks Lodge #2504!

Founded in 1974, the Oceano/Five Cities Elks Lodge #2504 now has over 1,200 members. They have many activities on the calendar and many ways to volunteer. As part of their ongoing nonprofit activities, Elks organize annual events designed to raise money in support of their mission statement. These events are always fun with great food and entertainment. Learn more at elkslodge2504.com or visit their [Facebook](#) page. They are located at 410 Air Park Dr. in Oceano.



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economy, these numbers are on the rise. Numerous articles outline a correlation between social isolation, bad economic situations, and substance abuse. The current times amount to a perfect storm for those already on the edge of addiction, and allow many others who have skirted that line, to cross it.

First, let us start with the premise that substance abuse and addiction are two different conditions although closely connected. Substance abuse has all the hallmarks of addiction, but with one distinct difference, the ability to stop – many times without assistance. Dennis Farmer is the Chief Executive Officer of Legacy Village, LLC a veteran-only wellness center. According to Mr. Farmer, “among addicts there exists an invisible line, different for everyone, but once crossed is a point of no return. That is the major distinction between substance abuse and addiction. We all (addicts/alcoholics) share that.” said Mr. Farmer who himself is a recovering alcoholic. “The idea is, that somewhere in each person’s substance abuse they become so physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually bankrupt from the abuse that they don’t see a way out. That leads to more and more use, resulting in chemical dependence – or addiction – and that almost always requires treatment.”



Dennis S. Farmer
Chief Executive Officer



Legacy Village opened in 2015, occupying a remodeled apartment complex in East Bakersfield, California. Then called the Oregon Street Recovery Center, it was open to the public. Legacy Village worked diligently to build a program model that would exceed expectations. From the beginning, this little facility had big dreams of developing and implementing treatment strategies that would rival the well-known, well-funded players in the field of mental and behavioral healthcare. Mr. Farmer also had a strong desire and commitment to bring ethical practices to the

forefront in an industry plagued with problems. Five years after opening and five years of crafting their program model, methods and curriculum, Legacy Village narrowed their focus to become California’s only privately owned veteran exclusive facility. The change in focus was followed by a massive change in environment. In late 2020, the entire organization was moved to a 25-acre ranch in Nipomo, California. The move allowed for more targeted approaches towards treating clients and reemphasized efforts to address co-occurring or dual diagnosis conditions such as post-traumatic stress disorder, severe anxiety and depression or other similar concerns.



Phillip Jones
Executive Director

Mr. Farmer explained that “since the move, great effort has been placed in hiring competent and dedicated team members that will enhance our clients experience, and success.” That includes the most recent leadership addition, new Executive Director Phillip Jones. Mr. Jones is an air force veteran who served in Desert Storm. He is also a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with more than 25 years of experience in the mental and behavioral healthcare fields. According to Mr. Farmer, the addition of Mr. Jones to the team was “a huge leadership piece necessary to take our program to the next level.”



Denny R. Moss
Therapist

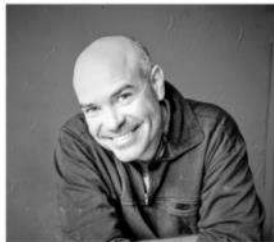
The team at Legacy Village also includes some original members from their original Bakersfield location. Denny R. Moss, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist joined Legacy Village in early 2016. Mr. Moss is a navy veteran who recently celebrated 34 years of personal recovery. "He brings his clinical talents, recovery experience and service background to each classroom, group, and therapy session he facilitates," said Mr. Farmer.

"The program at Legacy Village involves other unique aspects and combines other talented individuals that really set our efforts apart from others in the industry," said Mr. Farmer. He continued, "Specifically, we've developed great relationships with outside programs or instructors that promote wellness, including our surf therapy and environmental therapy groups and our mindfulness programs."

Legacy Village has partnered with retired professional surfer Van Curaza, who himself has been highlighted for his work with Veterans in a Netflix documentary entitled "Resurface". Mr. Curaza is the founder of Operation Surf and has dedicated his life to helping others through surfing. "This unique partnership is unlike anything other facilities can offer their clients, we are proud of the work being done each week facilitated by Mr. Curaza," Farmer said. More information on Van Curaza can be found at www.vancurazasurfschool.com.



Van Curaza



Bill Edmonds

Another valuable and critical addition to the team, and unique to our clients, is a partnership with retired Lieutenant Colonel Bill Edmonds. Mr. Edmonds brings a wealth of military experience, and personal study into the program facilitating groups on mindfulness, meditation, and yoga. Mr. Edmonds is an author and a doctoral student who already holds a master's degree in science from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey. According to a recent article in the San Luis Obispo Tribune dated October 2021, "Bill wants to continue his research into how those who've suffered emotional trauma – especially in war, as he did – can use writing and mindful meditation to improve their overall well-being." Mr. Edmonds is the author of the New York Times bestseller, *God is Not Here*.

The continuing theme of Legacy Village and the program of wellness they promote, is constant improvement. "It isn't just about meeting the minimum standards," said Mr. Farmer, "it's about challenging ourselves to become better each day." "The program already includes seven-day a week scheduling, keeping clients busy – but not just for the sake of being busy. Clients are engaged, encouraged to think about their condition, their situation, and the solutions," said Mr. Farmer. "We want to make sure that we have given every effort, every resource and every chance to those who are struggling."



Dennie Watson

One, often overlooked but critical piece which is an option for our clients, is a focus on spirituality and faith. For that, Legacy Village relies on Spiritual Director, Dennie Watson. Mr. Watson is the Senior Pastor at Vanguard Christen Center, a community-outreach based church in Bakersfield. His work at Vanguard has allowed him to combine love of sports, and outreach with years of coaching experience to reach those who are hurting. Vanguard Christian Center was awarded a grant in 2018, allowing them to create a one-of-a-kind sports facility in East Bakersfield to serve the community.

Already accredited by the Joint Commission with the Gold Seal of Approval and licensed by the California Department of Health Care Services, Legacy Village has big plans for the future. The company recently acquired 10 acres in Arroyo Grande, California that will become the permanent home of the program. "This change allows for an increase in capacity. Those desperately needing our services don't want to wait, or be told we have no openings," said Mr. Farmer. The change in location will feature additional licensing and healthcare options for an expanded focus on mental health. According to Mr. Farmer, "The existing facility in Nipomo will be used as a veteran's transitional home." The transitional housing program will allow for veterans who have completed the inpatient program to continue with outpatient care (also available through Legacy Village) while transitioning into an independent living situation. "This set of full services allows us to provide a continuum of care from 30 days to a year, which is a tremendous opportunity to affect really positive change," said Mr. Farmer.



Legacy Village can be reached by visiting their website at www.legacyvillage.com or by calling (800) 997-6977.

Ken Talley Youth Service Award celebrates local family's legacy

ARROYO GRANDE — The Ken Talley Youth Service Award recognizes an individual for outstanding contributions to youth in South County. The award includes a \$1,000 grant to the local youth organization of their choice. The 2022 winner will be celebrated at the Chamber's Annual Dinner & Recognition Awards on October 5 at Villa Lorian. Here is the story of Ken Talley as provided by his family:

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"Kenneth Talley was born to Oliver and Hazel Talley and raised in Arroyo Grande. He attended elementary, junior high, and high school in Arroyo Grande. After graduating from Cal Poly and marrying Karen Foster—whom he met while at Cal Poly—he returned to the family farming business, Talley Farms, to work alongside his father, Oliver, and his older brother, Don.

"During those years Ken and Karen started a family and jumped into serving the community. Ken and Karen were co-founders of the South County Historical Society shortly before the United States celebrated its bicentennial in 1976.

Ken served on the Arroyo Grande Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and he was involved with many organizations that supported the youth in our area. He also was past president of the Arroyo Grande Lion's Club where he received Lion of the Year for a couple of years. Through the Lion's Club, Ken specifically worked with blind children in our area teaching them baseball. Ken loved working with youth with his own two children being a real priority for him in his life.

"Ken's community service, however, was cut short when in 1975 he was diagnosed with cancer. After a yearlong battle with cancer, he passed away at the age of 30 leaving behind Karen and their sons, Todd and Ryan, who were 5 and 4 years old at the time. Ken came to a saving faith in his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ during his year-long battle with cancer and this commitment to Christian faith has been carried on by Karen, their two sons, and their wives and multiple grandchildren.



"Shortly after his death, the Arroyo Grande Chamber of Commerce approached Karen and asked if they could give out an award in honor of Ken that would go to a local community member who was dedicated to serving our area's youth just as Ken had done. The Talleys were honored and excited when the first Ken Talley Award was given to dear family friend, Vard Loomis, for his years of service to area youth. A few years later, the Talleys contributed to a fund that donates money each year to the non-profit of the Ken Talley Award winner's choosing.

"It has been an honor to recognize so many in our community who are giving of themselves to support our local youth. The recipients of the Ken Talley Award are those who make Arroyo Grande the truly unique and vibrant place it is."

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Jeff Long of Nipomo Recreation Association won the award for 2020-2021. Please click [here](#) to nominate your choice by September 14.

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Mental Wellness and Suicide Prevention Conference on Saturday, September 24th

ARROYO GRANDE — Knowing You Matter, a local nonprofit that raises awareness about suicide and promotes emotional wellness, will host their second annual Mental Wellness and Suicide Prevention Conference on Saturday, September 24th from 5 pm to 8 pm at Grace Bible Church in Arroyo Grande. This is a free community event.

"After my husband and I lost our son, Mikey, to suicide, we developed programs dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of emotional wellness and suicide prevention. Our conference is designed to help people find a place to start with the life struggle they are facing. We will have resources to support veterans, help manage grief, addiction, and trauma, provide parenting advice, address suicide ideation, and more," said Cindy Kullman, founder of Knowing You Matter.

The conference is for individuals experiencing anxiety, stress, PTSD, grief, or struggling with any life challenge and for those who want to help someone they care about. If you work with youth, college students, seniors, parents, or veterans, this is a great opportunity to get valuable resource information.

The event will showcase:

- Nationally recognized mental health and wellness speaker Sam Anthony Lucania who shares his empowering personal story
- An original documentary series with personal testimonies from people who have found inspiring ways to cope with their struggles
- More than 20 community resources to discuss the services that they offer.

Business sponsorships are needed. RSVP and learn more at KnowingYouMatter.org.

SESLOC welcomes Senior Member Business Loan Officer

SAN LUIS OBISPO — SESLOC announced that Melinda Bagby has joined SESLOC as Senior Member Business Loan Officer. In this role, Melinda is responsible for initiating new business growth and overseeing business member relationships, with a focus on Santa Maria and Northern Santa Barbara County, plus the Five Cities area of San Luis Obispo County.

Melinda brings 30 years of lending experience, most recently serving as Vice President, Commercial Loan Officer at Community Bank of Santa Maria. Previously, she held positions with Union, Mechanics, and Mid State Banks. Melinda is active in her community, supporting United Way and the American Heart Association, and is a volunteer for coastal cleanup days.

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Beloved Harvest Festival returns Sept. 23-24 to the Village

ARROYO GRANDE — The "Harvest Festival," the Arroyo Grande Valley's longest running free festival is now bigger and better than before. The 83rd annual celebration adds exciting new activities such as a dinner/dance and cornhole tournament to traditional favorites. This family-style event brings together visitors and local residents to enjoy Arroyo Grande Valley activities, vendors, sponsors, organizations, and performances.

Attendees can look forward to traditional favorites including the Saturday morning parade led by this year's Grand Marshalls Art and Kris Spoo, the Friday night Rotary Fish Fry, Boy Scout exhibits, and the antics of Ballooney the Clown. Traditional contests will be offered for pie eating, baking, scarecrows, and even a zany Whiskerino competition. On Saturday afternoon local dance groups including SOPA, FLEX, and Coastal Performing Arts will perform at the Rotary Bandstand along with Magician Jim Wilson and a doggie agility show. The South County Historical Society and its cos-

tumed docents will be welcoming festival goers into its museums: Heritage House, the Barn, and the 1901 Santa Manuela Schoolhouse. Arroyo Grande Valley food vendors, artisan sales booths, and informational booths will be available in Olohan Alley on Friday night and Saturday. On Friday night the AG Rec Dept will be showing the Disney film *Encanto* in Heritage Square Park and on Saturday the park will be surrounded by kiddie rides and inflatables.

The Agricultural Pavilion will again be featuring local produce and AG related informational booths on Bridge Street on Saturday. Several well-known regional bands will be playing during the Festival including Unfinished Business, Cuesta Ridge, and Critical Mass.

The Saturday morning pancake breakfast is back. The traditional Saturday night dinner dance returns after several decades and will take place in the 125-year-old Tabernacle at Camp Arroyo



Grande on the hill above the Village. The IOOF Hall will feature four history presentations on Saturday afternoon: two on Arroyo Grande history from Jim Gregory, one on the Pacific Coast Railway from Andrew Merriam, and Cowboy Poetry from Bob Perrault. A special Arroyo Grande Val-

ley history video by Jim Gregory will be shown during the festival. There will be semi-pro and amateur cornhole competitions all day on Saturday in the Agricultural Pavilion Area.

Local businesses, individuals, organizations, and families are encouraged to participate in the scarecrow contest, provide a parade entry, sponsor a vendor booth, and compete in the various contests. Everyone is encouraged to support the local art and food vendors and to buy Fish Fry and Saturday Dinner Dance tickets.

Volunteers are needed. Learn more at agharvestfestival.com for event details and daily schedules.

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Community invited to Arroyo Grande Candidate Forum to meet candidates for Mayor, City Council

ARROYO GRANDE — Residents of South County are invited to attend the Arroyo Grande Candidate Forum on Thursday, September 22nd, at 6 pm at the South County Regional Center located at 800 West Branch St. in Arroyo Grande.

The forum is open to the public, and attendees will be able to hear from the candidates, ask questions, and have an opportunity to speak with them one-on-one. Each candidate will also have a dedicated table to continue discussions with members of the public. The forum will be broadcast on Channel 20 and online for those who cannot attend on September 22nd.

The candidates for Arroyo Grande Mayor are Caren Ray Russom, Gaea Powell, and Dale T. Hanson. The candidate for District 1 Council Member is Kathleen P. Secrest. The candidates for District 4 Council Member are Ben Franco and James Robert Guthrie.



Beginning with the November 8, 2022 General Municipal election, Arroyo Grande residents will vote for one City Council Member who lives in their district. This will replace the past system of at-large citywide elections in which voters could vote for all City Council Members. Seats in District 1 and 4 are up for election in 2022. The Mayor seat will continue to be elected at-large.

To RSVP for the Arroyo Grande Candidate Forum on September 22nd, please click [here](#).

Free workshop on Sept. 1 for business planning and microlending

SAN LUIS OBISPO — The Women's Business Center is partnering with the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) to host a workshop for women entrepreneurs on September 1 in San Luis Obispo. "Ascent – Elevate Your Business" will feature a free learning platform provided by the SBA and designed for a variety of businesses that are ready to grow their revenues and create more jobs. Available tools through this digital platform include key topics to support business success, self-assessments to benchmark current business practices, informational videos, and learning opportunities from experts in business. The free workshop is hosted at SESLOC Federal Credit Union Community Room, 3807 Broad Street in San Luis Obispo or virtually. Check in and lunch begins at 11:30 am and the workshop will take place from 12 noon to 1:30pm. Details [here](#).



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11th Annual Empty Bowls 2022 Event: September 17 through October 1

GROVER BEACH — 5Cities Homeless Coalition is planning their flagship event, the 11th annual Empty Bowls Community Luncheon, however, this year due to the continued caution surrounding the pandemic, they are going mobile. They will have three "Bowl Pick-up Party" locations over the course of three weekends to ensure the health and safety of all of their patrons. These locations include:

- St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Arroyo Grande on Saturday, September 17th,
- New Life Community Church in Pismo Beach on Saturday, September 24th,
- Trilogy's Monarch Activity Center in Nipomo on Saturday, October 1st.

Ticket holders will be able to come "shop" for a bowl during designated hours at one of these locations and will receive a coupon for a bowl of soup from one of the participating restaurants—over 15 restau-

rants are confirmed to date.

Sponsor support will be recognized on the 5Cities Homeless Coalition website, flyers, and at each of the event locations. This fundraising event attracts some 800 attendees annually as well as scores of volunteers who support Coalition efforts focused on helping homeless clients in southern San Luis Obispo County obtain stable housing, secure a sustainable income, and care for their personal well-being both physically and mentally. 5Cities Homeless Coalition looks forward to recreating the success of last year's mobile event and hopes this year will garner the same attention and attendance as years past.

This collaborative event brings hundreds of local artists, restaurants, businesses, and community members together to support the programs and services of the Coalition.

Buy tickets at 5chc.org.

Hospital Foundation raising funds for advanced mammography and biopsy technology

ARROYO GRANDE — Arroyo Grande Community Hospital Foundation is raising funds to bring advanced 3D mammography and biopsy technology to our community. The new technology will provide better image quality and improved detection ability even through dense tissue. It will provide increased accuracy for biopsies, lower radiation dose, less compression time, increased comfort, faster appointments, minimized trauma to breast tissue, and the capability of earlier detection.

The Foundation is hosting a new event, Rise & Rally, to support this initiative. Rise & Rally will have teams of community members participating in online fundraising during October. There will be several ways to participate, including sponsorship opportunities and a Rise & Rally Celebration March & Car show on Sunday, November 6th. To be a team leader, a sponsor, get your business involved, or participate in the car show, contact montisa.lopez@commonspirit.org.

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Supervisor Dawn Ortiz-Legg, the District 3 Supervisor for San Luis Obispo County, has new office hours at The Launch Pad cowork office in Grover Beach. Stop by and meet her on these upcoming dates:

- Thursday, September 22, from 10 am to 12 noon
- Thursday, October 20, from 1 pm to 3 pm

The Launch Pad is located at 391 Front St. Suite E in Grover Beach.

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Obispo to present a check for \$500,000 to Cuesta College's Aviation Maintenance Technology program, and ACI Jet and investors matched with another \$500,000 making this private public partnership an outstanding investment for workforce development. Students who enroll and complete this aviation maintenance program will have a wide range of career opportunities with an estimated annual \$80,000 salary. The demand for these workers is high, and the industry is growing locally. Check out Cuesta College for this terrific new field of study.

Join us on September 19th, from 4 to 6 pm, at New Government Center, 1055 Monterey Street for a "Meet and Greet" with the County Planning and Building Department. This is a chance to meet new staff, answer questions, and provide information on these two critical departments. For more information, please reach out to Sarah in my office and hope to see you there!

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Dawn Ortiz-Legg
San Luis Obispo County
District 3 Supervisor

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the County should to that, just send them somewhere else"...and my response typically includes something similar to...the City is doing quite a bit, however this is not just a City issue or even a County issue, this is a national issue that will take all of us—individuals, groups, businesses, cities, counties, states...everyone—to help address and resolve. Until that happens, I am proud of the actions that Grover Beach has taken, and will continue to take, to act compassionately and proactively to maintain the safety and well-being of those who are unsheltered but also those that live, work, and play in Grover Beach. Additionally, I encourage you to read staff's most recent [Homelessness Update](#) to the Council. It provides a good snapshot of what the City has done, what we will continue to do, and how we are partnering regionally to make all of our efforts matter.

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Jacqueline is a 2016 Wall of Fame Award recipient and was awarded the Outstanding Women Lawyer in 2014, The San Luis Obispo County Bar Association Seitz Award in 2017 and the Access to Justice Award in 2019, among other recognitions for her professional and community achievements.



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5th Annual Boots & Bling gala to support female veterans

SOUTH COUNTY — Operation WEBS announced they postponed the September 10th gala to November 4th, at 6 pm at the Radisson Hotel in Santa Maria, in anticipation of another high energy, sold-out charity event. The postponement is an opportunity to showcase the latest luxury tiny house on wheels (THOW) they built with their partners at the California Mid State Fair in Paso Robles this past July. Unanimously, Operation WEBS decided it's best to postpone the gala until the THOW is complete that they may have it on tour for all to enjoy, ask questions, and see how donations have contributed to OpWEBS. Their out-of-area premier partners are now able to attend, share in the excitement, network with OpWEBS local partners, and meet the women veterans served. The THOW build at Mid State Fair with their Union Trades partners was such an incredible success, the Fair Board has invited OpWEBS back to build their THOW annually for years to come. Now each November at the gala OpWEBS will have their THOW on tour.

It's through immediate housing placement that OpWEBS has been providing safe housing for vulnerable, unshel-



tered, and sheltered women veterans living on the Central Coast since 2018. Their members want to support veterans who are faced with the unfortunate circumstance of homelessness. So, OpWEBS has taken bold action to raise awareness.

OpWEBS is also creating the first THOW working farm community on the Central Coast where women veterans will be encouraged and supported, to rebuild their lives through empowerment, camaraderie, veteran services, new career services, and community support services away from the distractions of day-to-day life. OpWEBS' mission is to build a community of safe, affordable, high-quality housing solutions for women veterans in need of

stability. Their vision is to grow their resources and partners, that OpWEBS may develop a tiny house farming community where women veterans can grow together, feel safe and supported to rebuild their lives together after military service.

The OpWEBS 5th Annual Boots & Bling gala will be a fun-filled night of networking, auction bidding, fine dining, dancing, and camaraderie for all who attend. They encourage big cowboy hats, boots, gowns, and bling for this evening's attire. Hotels rooms at the Radisson Hotel are also available at a discounted rate for ticket holders. Seats and rooms are limited so please show your support early.

The VIP Social hour is exclusive to their premier partners. Premier partnership opportunities remain available until October 14, 2022. General admission tickets are on sale now on their website operationwebs.org, Eventbrite, Facebook, and Instagram at operationwebs.org. Auction items are exceptionally generous on every level. This is OpWEBS' most celebrated event of the year to raise awareness, financial support, and hope for homeless women veterans. Learn more at operationwebs.org.

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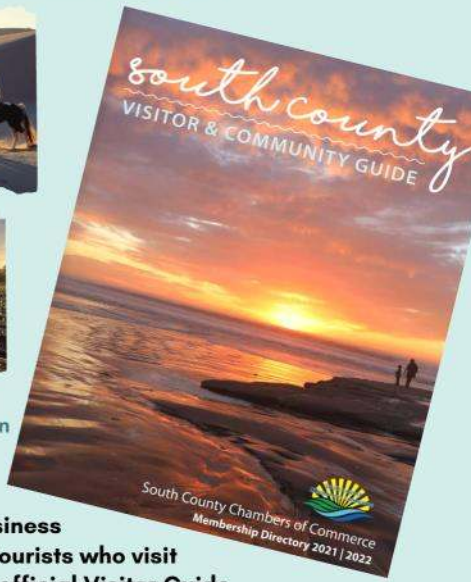


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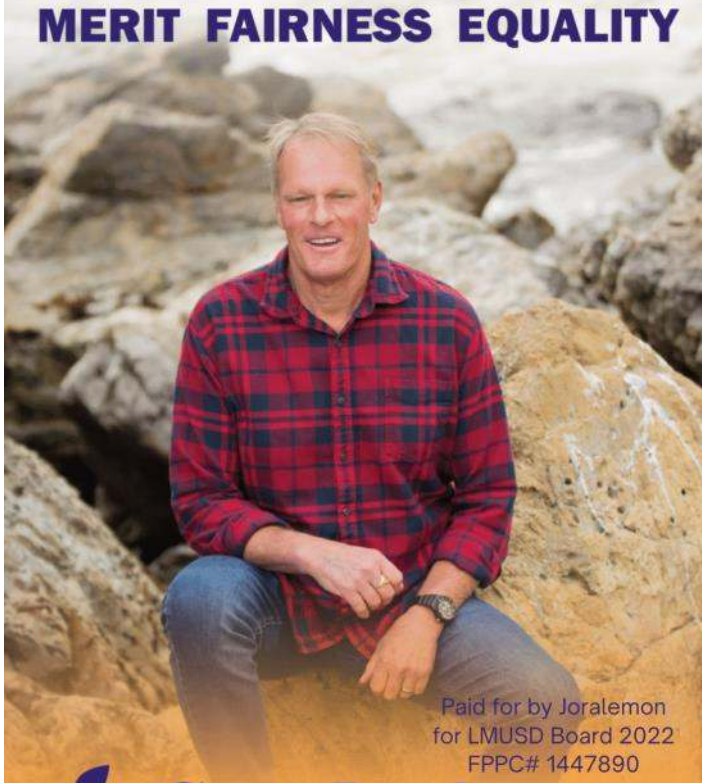




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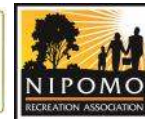
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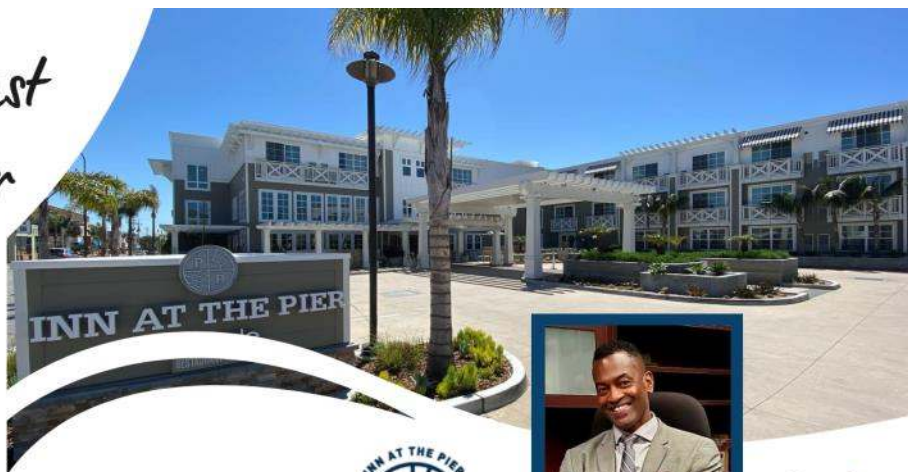
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