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Puchtas' barns approved by Zoning Admin.

Joe Naiman
Village News Correspondent

The county's Zoning Administrator has approved an Administrative Permit for a Bonsall family to operate a pair of horse barns on their Aqueduct Road property.

The decision of Zoning Administrator Rose Garduno will stand if not reversed on appeal. Neighbors Jaime and Dawne Clayton will likely carry out an appeal to the county's Planning Commission, and the Planning Commission's decision can subsequently be appealed to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors.

During her November 28

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Joyful Traditions ends Sunday

FALLBROOK — Don't miss the fun this Sunday, December 17, from 12 to 4 p.m. in the heart of the Friendly Village when the Historic Downtown Merchants Association and Fallbrook Village Association present the last Joyful Traditions event for the season at Main Avenue and Alvarado Street.

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Board approves raise for classified staff

Debbie Ramsey
Managing Editor

After being sworn in as trustees of the Fallbrook Union High School District on Monday night, Bill O'Connor, Michael Schulte and Marc Steffler joined Dennis Allen and Lynn Colburn in unanimously approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the district and SEIU Local 2028 (classified employees union).

At a cost of \$431,066 to the district for the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 school years, the agreement is subject to renegotiation insofar as salary, benefits and one other mutually agreed upon item for the 2007-2008 year.

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Breakfast with Santa



Bryce Thayer enjoys the Pancake Breakfast with Santa at Bonsall Elementary School December 9.



Santa arrives at the breakfast courtesy of North County Fire!

Fred Chase photos



Blake Braussard is intrigued to have a conversation with a lovely gift, also known as Christine Springer.

Parade kept deputies busier this year

Debbie Ramsey
Managing Editor

Deputy Robert Heltmach, Special Event Coordinator for the Sheriff's Department Fallbrook Substation, said the 2006 Fallbrook Christmas Parade went off "really well" as far as the planning and logistics but said the event was busier this year for law enforcement personnel.

"We've never had this many calls before from the parade, but it was manageable," he said.

The incident that gained the most attention occurred just as the parade ended when a group of ten young gang members disturbed spectators in the vicinity of Main Avenue and Fallbrook Street. "The group was walking down the east side of Main, getting in people's way, challenging them," Heltmach said. "We dispatched a unit to make contact with these kids."

Heltmach said the young teens clothing with bandanas on their shoulders, which can indicate gang affiliation. "They were probably trying to intimidate people by the way they dressed; they were

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Casey, Clark, Maxwell and Hernandez lauded

Story and photos by
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Features Editor

The various talents and accomplishments of the December community Student of the Month recipients again illustrate that "outstanding" is a word that can be defined in many ways. The four honorees all have various qualities that deem them remarkable.

When the Student of the Month committee met with community and educational leaders at the Fallbrook Golf Club's Hukilau restaurant on Thursday, December 7, these four local students were lauded: Dusty Hernandez of Ivy High School and Michaela Casey, Corey Clark and Rachel Maxwell of Fallbrook Union High School.

A representative from San Diego County Supervisor Bill Horn's office told the audience that he "encourages young people to excel." Also present were representatives from other local

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