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TODAY'S FOCUS: EDUCATION

## A pawsitive goal for a good cause



Roscoe (top), a chocolate lab therapy dog for a wounded veteran, gets ready to jump back into a pool at

Country Kennels in Murrieta. Chris McNeil tosses a tennis ball into a pool for his dog, Tango during a July 5 fundraiser for 4 Paws 4 Patriots. The non-profit organization provides free service dogs to disabled veterans across the United States. ANDREW FOULK PHOTO

## AREA MINISTRY STRIVES TO HELP KIDS

At-risk children receive outreach and support to help break the cycle of poverty

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The Community Outreach Ministry in Wildomar was formed by Bob and Mona Davies, a retired couple who wanted to do more for at-risk children. "We are compelled to help at-risk children to break the cycle of poverty, illiteracy, crime and incarceration," Mona Davies said in an email. "We offer intervention through emergency services, outreach, camping and year-round programs serving Southwest California and North County San Diego."

The mission of the non-profit organization is to help youth achieve a sense of purpose through programs such as camping trips and holiday parties. The organization solicits gifts for the children it serves; some of whom have incarcerated parents, Davies said. Families in need contact the ministry in a number of ways including referrals from local schools, churches and other non-profit groups.

"Another example [of our outreach work] is that we may go and visit a community of people and we will take them clothes and household items," said Davies, who volunteered her time for a number of years performing similar work before she and her husband, Bob, formed the outreach ministry in 2000. "I've been doing this since 1988. We just continued doing it because

I was an at-risk kid when I grew up in Chicago. Where I lived, we didn't know anything other than alcohol and drugs. I don't want for these younger children who are out there to make the same mistakes that I've seen my friends do and they're not here anymore."

For more information on Community Outreach Ministry, visit [communityoutreachministry.org](http://communityoutreachministry.org).

By providing scholarships for children in grades two through 12, area youth are given the opportunity to go on short, three- to six-day camping trips at places like Big Bear Park, Davies said. In addition to local police holding law enforcement career explorer lectures at the ministry, the organization hosts booths at local events which center around informing children about crime prevention as well as safety tips, such as wearing bicycle helmets and never swimming alone. Children also participate in local parades.

"While the parent is in prison, [he or she] fills out a form that says, 'I want my children to have gifts at Christmas. I want my children to go to camp,'" said Davies as she discussed another program provided by the ministry. "When the parent is incarcerated, the children are impacted also. We come along and we want to be there just to give them gifts and to treat them like royalty. We just want them to feel like they are valued."

## CALENDAR

### ESCONDIDO

**July 15**

#### Kiwanis Club of Hidden Valley-Escondido meeting

7 a.m., Cocina del Charro, 890 W. Valley Parkway

The Kiwanis Club of Hidden Valley-Escondido will hold its weekly meeting at Cocina Del Charro. For more information, visit [www.hvkiwanis.org](http://www.hvkiwanis.org).

Arts, Escondido is offering a Media Camp: Television Show Production. Attendees will create their very own television show complete with commercials, feature stories and public service announcements.

The cost to register is \$185 for ages 13 to 17 years. For more information, visit [www.artcenter.org](http://www.artcenter.org) or call 800-988-4253.

### TEMECULA

**July 16**

#### Aarty Loon: Barrel of Monkeys Show

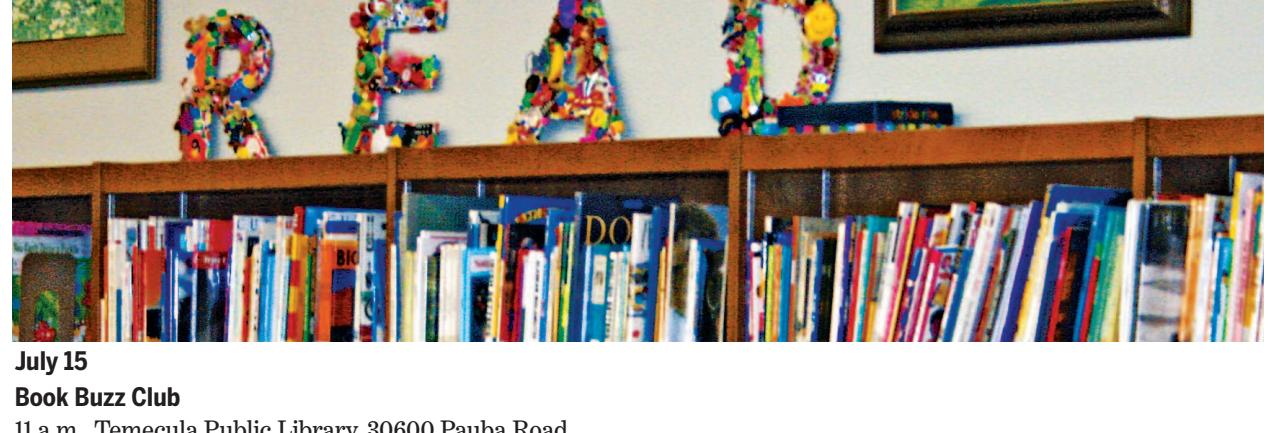
10:30 a.m., Temecula Public Library, 30600 Pauba Road

The Temecula Public Library will hold a special event, Aarty Loon: Barrel of Monkeys Show. For more information, visit [www.temeculalibrary.org](http://temeculalibrary.org).

#### Organizing for Success in School and Beyond

3 p.m., Grace Mellman Community Library, 41000 County Center Drive

The Grace Mellman Community Library presents Nina Henry, who will speak about how to get organized, save valuable time, and

**July 15**

#### Book Buzz Club

11 a.m., Temecula Public Library, 30600 Pauba Road

Temecula Public Library will host its Book Buzz Club for ages 9 to 12. For more information, visit [www.rivlib.com](http://www.rivlib.com) or call 951-693-8980. FILE PHOTO

do everything better. This event is for students in grades 7 to 12. For information, call 951-296-3893 or visit [www.rivlib.net](http://www.rivlib.net).

**July 17**

#### Creedence Relived

7 p.m., City of Temecula, 41000 Main St.

Creedence Relived will perform at the Temecula Amphitheater. For information, call 951-694-6480 or visit [www.temeculaevents.org](http://www.temeculaevents.org).

**July 18**

#### Wellness Class

7 p.m., Temecula Community Recreation Center, 30875 Rancho Vista Road

Temecula Community

1:30 p.m., Grace Mellman Community Library, 41000 County Center Drive

Grace Mellman Community Library is offering a Wellness Class. This class will cover beginner tai chi for adults. For more information, visit [www.rivlib.net](http://www.rivlib.net), call 951-296-3893 or email Elizabeth Khaled at [gracemellmanlibrary@rivlib.net](mailto:gracemellmanlibrary@rivlib.net).

#### Moonlight Movies in the Park

7 p.m., Temecula Community Recreation Center,

30875 Rancho Vista Road

Temecula Community

Recreation Center Amphitheater is holding a Moonlight Movies in the Park

featuring "This Is Us, One Direction" movie. For more information, visit [www.temeculaevents.org](http://www.temeculaevents.org).

**July 19**

#### Craft fair

10 a.m., Maurice Carrie Winery, 34225 Rancho California Road

A craft fair will take place at Maurice Carrie Winery. For information, visit [www.mauricecarriewinery.com](http://www.mauricecarriewinery.com).

### OCEANSIDE

**July 15**

#### Noon meeting

12:10 p.m., Kiwanis Club of Oceanside, 1900 Harbor Drive N.

The Kiwanis Club of Oceanside will hold its monthly noon meeting, which happens on the third Tuesday of every month, at the Jolly Roger Restaurant. For more information, visit [www.oceansidekiwanis.org](http://www.oceansidekiwanis.org).

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