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FUSD aims to be fully prepared for start of school year on Aug. 24

Fully prepared. That's what the Fontana Unified School District aims to be when the 2020-2021 school year begins in late August. "Leading up to our first day of instruction on Aug. 24, we will provide our families opportunities to empower their students for success in online learning," Superintendent Randal S. Bassett said in a news release. "By providing our families with tools such as laptops and useful training, tips and guidelines in advance of the school year starting, we can

help our students reach the highest levels of achievement free from unnecessary distractions." FUSD, just like districts throughout the country, has been grappling with the uncertainty caused by the coronavirus pandemic. But by delaying the start of the school year (which had originally been scheduled for Aug. 6), the district is seeking to ensure that all students are equipped with devices needed to engage in distance learning. (Continued on Page 2)



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Jack Bulik Park in Fontana looked like pit row at Auto Club Speedway as volunteers distributed food and other necessities at an event put on by the L.A. Dodgers Foundation.

L.A. Dodgers Foundation provides 500 local families with food and necessities

BY JERRY SOIFER

Clayton Kershaw wasn't in Fontana on July 26, but his renowned spirit of generosity was as his team, the Los Angeles Dodgers, helped about 500 families with a drive-thru distribution

at Jack Bulik Park.

The Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation joined with Easterseals Southern California for a special LADF drive-thru presented by the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians. About 500 families, including 1,400 children with disabilities,

were recipients of food and necessities.

Volunteers from the Dodgers foundation, the San Manuel Band and other organizations took part in the event at the universally accessible Dodgers Dreamfield. (Continued on Page 6)



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Smoke rises behind a house in southern Fontana due to a brush fire on July 25 and 26.

Brush fire burns 277 acres

A brush fire burned 277 acres in the hilly areas of southern Fontana and neighboring Riverside County during the weekend of July 25 and 26, according to the

San Bernardino County Fire Department. No homes were damaged and no injuries were reported. (Continued on Page 3)

Fontana has 4,166 coronavirus cases and 45 deaths

The number of coronavirus cases in Fontana has risen to 4,166, and 45 residents have died as of July 29, according to the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health.

Fontana has the second-highest total of COVID-19 cases of any city in the county. The City of San

Bernardino has 5,075 cases.

Overall, San Bernardino County's case total is 32,309, and 419 people have died as of July 29.

A total of 245,938 persons in the county have taken a PCR test for COVID-19, and the positivity rate has increased to 13.1 percent.

The county is urging all resi-

dents to be tested, whether they have symptoms or not.

In Fontana, testing is held inside the Jessie Turner Center, 15556 Summit Avenue, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Testing is by appointment only. Appointments can be made by visiting sbccovid19.com.

School Board Member Garcia will run for City Council

Peter Garcia, a member of the Fontana Unified School District Board of Education, has pulled papers to run for a Fontana City Council seat in the upcoming November election.

Garcia has indicated his interest in representing District 3, which includes the eastern and northeastern areas of Fontana.

Garcia is finishing up his first four-year term on the School Board after being elected in 2016.

Other candidates who have pulled papers for District 3 on the City Council as of July 27 are Amy Malone, Erick Lopez, LaShunda

Martin, and Linda Richardson.

In District 2, which includes much of the central area of Fontana, the candidates who have pulled papers so far include incumbent Jesse Sandoval, Sophia Holguin, Jesse Cerda, Jenique Sanders, Priscilla Lenares, and Michael Gonzalez.

Fontana is divided into four districts for representation on the City Council. Districts 1 and 4 are not being contested this year.

For more information about running for a City Council seat, contact the City Clerk's Office at (909) 350-7602 or visit

www.fontana.org.

IN THE FONTANA SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION, incumbent Jason O'Brien is seeking to retain his seat this November.

Also running for School Board as of July 27 are Oliver B. Christian, Jennifer Quezada, and Oscar Ernesto Solis. Two seats are being contested in the FUSD this year.

For more information about seeking a School Board seat, email the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters at communications@rov.sbcounty.gov or call (909) 387-8300.

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