

Six-month commemoration dinner held for Lilac fire victims



Karl Ports, right, mans the grill as firefighters help themselves to some food during a special barbecue for victims of the Lilac fire. The dinner social, "Recovery ~ A Conviction of the Heart", was held June 30 at Fallbrook United Methodist Church, hosted by the Community Recovery Team and sponsored by the San Diego Foundation.



Discussing the recovery process from losing one's home are, from left, Rachanee Anderson, Richard Barton, Paula Barton and Richard Anderson. The group saw their Rancho Monserate homes burn in the Lilac fire.



Lilac fire victim Steve Ornelas, right, fills a plate with food during a barbecue dinner held for Lilac fire victims at Fallbrook United Methodist Church June 30. Ornelas lost his Bonsall home in the Dec. 7, 2017, firestorm.



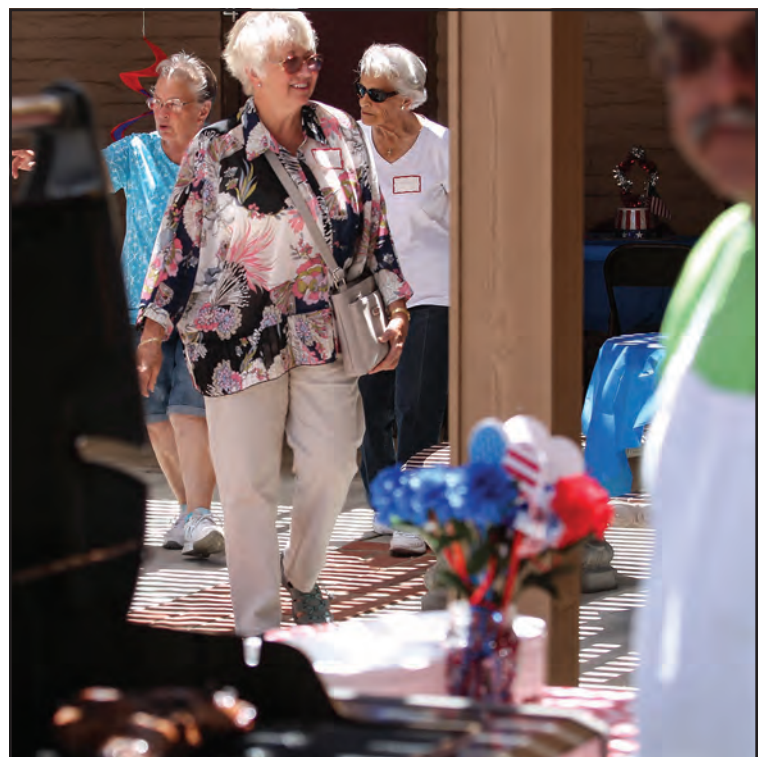
Kenny Hawkes, left, talks with Monica Jones and her husband, Bruce, about losing their homes at Rancho Monserate during the Lilac fire Dec. 7, 2017. The trio attended a barbecue dinner that was held to commemorate six months of recovery from the fire.



Community Recovery Team member Novia Baxter greets Lilac fire victims at a special barbecue held June 30 at Fallbrook United Methodist Church.



Community Recovery Team members, firefighters and people who lost their homes during the Lilac fire gather for a barbecue at Fallbrook United Methodist Church June 30.



Arriving at a barbecue dinner for Lilac fire victims are, from left, Carla Nielsen, Gwen Simpson and Terry Gagnon, all of whom lost their homes at Rancho Monserate.