



# HIGHGROVE HAPPENINGS



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**July, 2012**

## Highgrove/Iowa: What is the connection?



*Orange City, Iowa has a beautiful city hall and is the Sioux county seat.*



*Grinnell, Iowa is one of the reasons we have an Iowa Ave. in Highgrove.*

We all know that Iowa Ave. goes through Highgrove and is the major north/south road between Grand Terrace and Riverside. But did you know that Iowa had a significant role in the early days of East Riverside that we now call Highgrove?

In Joan Hall's book titled "A Citrus Legacy", she writes about how Stephen Henderson Herrick from Grinnell, Iowa arrived in Colton on May 1, 1883 on the "California Southern" railroad that was headed for Riverside. I highly recommend reading her book that was written in 1992 that tells about the connection between Grinnell, Iowa and Highgrove, California. Copies of "A Citrus Legacy" are available at the Highgrove Library, 530 Center St. in Highgrove.

Grinnell is located in the middle of Iowa between Des Moines and Iowa City along highway 80. If you look on the map you will also find Riverside, Iowa that is located south of Iowa City, Iowa.

We recently returned from a trip to Iowa to visit Ardie's 2 sons and grand children who live in the north/west portion of Iowa in a small town called Orange City, Iowa. But the major reason for our trip was to be present when Ardie's daughter Kelli gave birth to her new baby boy, Austin, who was born on June 19, 2012 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Kelli and Wayne live in Lennox, South Dakota which is about an hour and 30 minutes from Orange City, Iowa. Ardie and I waited in the hospital waiting room chairs all night long

until 7:12 am when Austin was born and now mother, father, and son are doing just fine!

From the time we left Highgrove until the time the baby was born, we had been gone for 2 weeks. Ardie needed to help Kelli with the new baby so she stayed in South Dakota and Ardie's cousin, Mark Schuller, and I drove back to California. Mark and I did some sight-seeing on our way back to California that included Pioneer Village in Minden, Nebraska, the Arches National Park, Bryce Canyon, and Zion National Parks. We took the back roads and saw some really beautiful country on bi-way 12 between Grover, Utah and Bryce, but portions of the road included a 14% grade that went along a narrow ridge that was straight down

on both sides!

Mark and I picked up Ardie at LAX on June 28th and Ardie brought her 2 granddaughters with her from Orange City, Iowa to Highgrove. Cassidy is 12 years old and Paige is 14 years old.

Mark stayed in Highgrove for a few days with Ardie and me and our 2 granddaughters, then flew back to his home in Orange City, Iowa from LAX. Ardie's son Kendall and his wife Lori are coming to California in mid-July and Cassidy and Paige will fly back to Iowa with them after their visit. (I know it sounds confusing but the gas companies and airlines sure appreciated it!)

Starting on page 4 are some of the pictures we took in and around Orange City, Iowa.

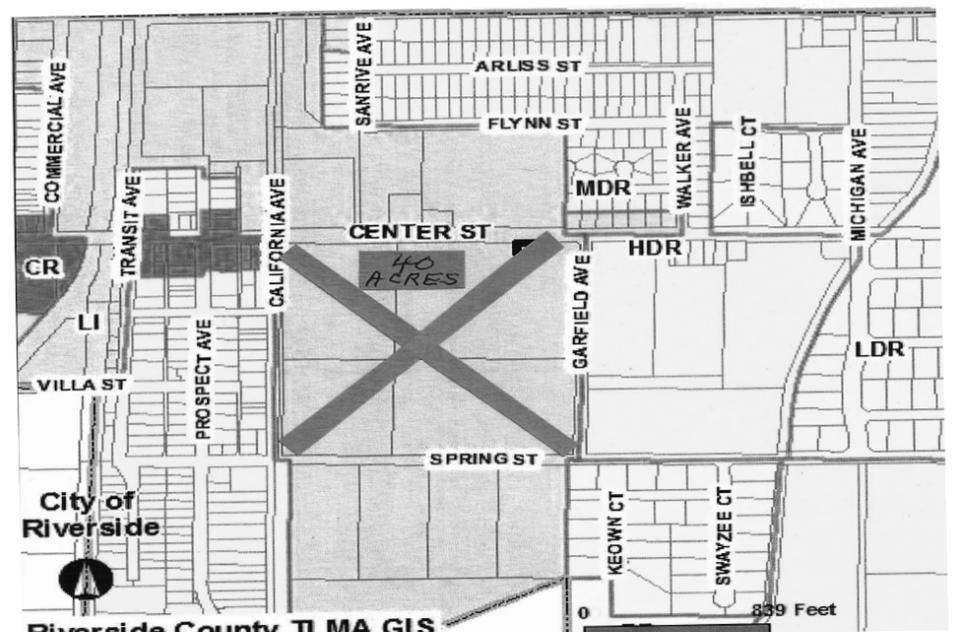
## Changes in General Plan requested

Highgrove residents are being ask to submit changes for our future growth for the next several years. Here are a few examples of requests for changes in Highgrove being considered for submitting to Riverside County.

### ZONING CHANGES:

A major impact and concern for Highgrove residents is the zoning of 68 acres right in the middle of our community that currently permits warehouses on the 40 acres of vacant land between Center St. on the north, Spring St. on the south, the Highgrove Elementary School on the east, and the UPR RR track on the west. This same zoning extends south of Spring St. on the vacant 28 acres owned by Bixby Land Co. that is "For Sale". The Highgrove MAC and many Highgrove residents opposed "fast tracking" this change but the Riverside County Board of Supervisors approved it over 3 1/2 years ago on Jan. 13, 2009.

The good news for Highgrove is that the "fast track" has expired because no construction was started on any of the 68 acres and the 2 year time limit has passed. The current land developer or any new owner of the property



There are also 14 acres above the X on the north side of Center St. that would cut Highgrove right in half with zoning that permits warehouses.

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## HIGHGROVE SHERIFF REPORT



### Highgrove Crime Activity

Crimes increased from 5 to 6, total violent crimes 3-2,

Robbery 2-0, Rape 0, Aggravated Assault 1-2, Homicide 0, Property

Crimes 2-4, Burglary 1, Auto Theft 0-1, Vehicle Burglary 0-1, Larceny

Theft 1-2, Arson 0

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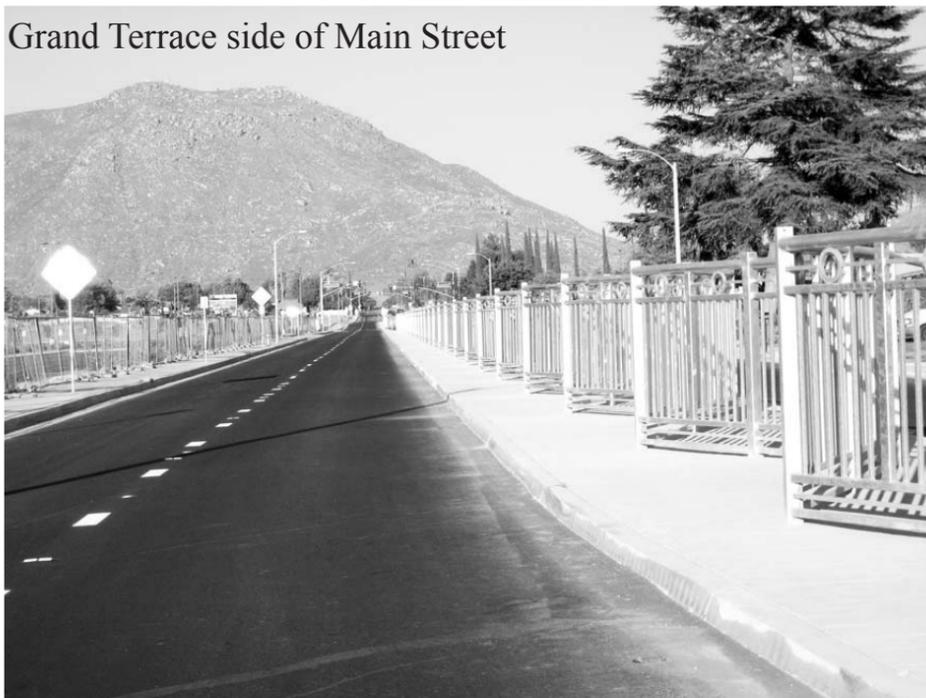
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Grand Terrace side of Main Street



Main St. on the north side of the street is 2 lanes due to the new Grand Terrace High School that is due to open in August of this year. The fence on the divider is to discourage students from parking on the south side.

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## CHP: STAY SAFE ON THE ROAD THIS INDEPENDENCE DAY



### SACRAMENTO, Calif. – On this

Fourth of July, Californians will observe the occasion with parties, picnics, and outdoor activities. The California Highway Patrol (CHP) reminds motorists to be mindful of the speed limit, designate a non-drinking driver and always buckle up.

Independence Day is a Maximum Enforcement Period (MEP) for the CHP. Officers will monitor motorists who are a potential threat to themselves and others. The MEP begins on Tuesday, July 3, at 6 p.m. and runs through Wednesday, July 4, at 11:59 p.m.

“When celebrating Independence Day, the CHP wants you to be safe. When driving be sure to leave plenty of time to get to your destination. Most importantly, before heading out, insist everyone in the vehicle is wearing a seat belt and children are secure in safety seats,” said CHP Commissioner Joe Farrow.

Last year during the Independence Day MEP, 34 people were killed in traffic collisions in California. This was a significant increase from the 23 people who died in 2010, the last full year for which statistics are available. Sadly, many of those deaths may have been prevented with the simple click of a seat belt.

“It is alarming to know that more than 80 percent of the people who were killed in vehicle collisions over the Independence Day holiday last year may have survived had they taken the time to buckle up,” added Commissioner Farrow.

Driving under the influence is always a major concern for the CHP. Last year, over the Independence Day weekend, CHP officers made 1,562 arrests for driving under the influence. Motorists are reminded to designate a non-drinking driver before they celebrate to ensure everyone’s safety while on the road.

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If you live in Highgrove you need a T-Shirt that has our Highgrove logo on the front and a 1916 Highgrove citrus label on the back. Some say: “Where Center St. is the main street and Main St. is at the edge of town” Others say: Where half of our main street is in the next county”.

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# California Dreaming

by Dr. Cynthia Williams

Being a trans-planted native Californian I am suffering from shock just like my plants. I miss Highgrove and all my family



and friends! I moved to central Oregon a little over a year ago and it is nothing like Highgrove. I knew the change would be dramatic- this little city has about 77,000 people, hundreds, if not thousands, of wild deer, and more dogs per capita than any place I've ever been. It is another planet compared to California. Let me share my journey with you.

The summer solstice is a few days away and here in central Oregon I am still turning on my electric blanket to warm up my bed every night. In Highgrove the temperatures have been in the upper eighties and lower nineties. I never needed an electric blanket when I lived in Highgrove! I've never liked the heat- when it gets over 100 degrees I wilt like a leaf of iceberg lettuce on a sidewalk. We southern Californians have means to survive that heat with our air conditioners, misters and fans. I have a floor fan I brought in from storage a few weeks ago when I thought it was warming up. It was just a tease. I might need to use it for a week or so in mid July, otherwise it makes a good place to throw a few coats over.

This area of central Oregon is called the "High Desert". I trained as a Master Gardener with UCR Extension Office years ago but here I feel like I am starting from scratch. If you are familiar with the Sunset Garden Climate zones- Highgrove is zone 19, I am now in zone 1. ZONE ONE. It's like trying to garden in a walk-in refrigerator/freezer. We get the very cold temps- from September through May (or longer) and some good summer heat for about two weeks in mid-July. I have been waiting for it to warm up enough to plant my garden. Up until about a week ago our night time temps were in the lower thirties; just too cold for man or beast or tender new plants. About a month ago I bought some small potted tomatoes and tucked them away in my greenhouse/shed for protection and just brought them out last week. Snap your fingers... the growing season here is about that long. Back home I would be cutting the last of my lettuce mix and spinach before the heat made it bolt and I would have had rosemary and lavender over a foot high. In my Highgrove garden the squash plants would be trailing all over and I would be almost ready to harvest a zucchini the size of a baseball bat.

I miss my palm trees and the intoxicating scent of the orange blossoms. There is no such thing as a palm tree here; nothing even close. No orange, lemon, lime, or grapefruit trees either. There are a few trees

here that remind me of Southern California. The elevation is 3,600 feet, and transitions from Ponderosa Pine to junipers and sagebrush. So I am surrounded by pine trees, Manzanita bushes, and sage and cedar. I sniff the ponderosa pine trees- they smell like vanilla, chocolate and strawberry here too. The Manzanita does well and the deer love to nibble on the tender new leaves. A friend here likes to get cuttings of white sage and burn it in her home to purify the space. Some of the landscape is very similar to Cajon Pass and Hesperia. The wind kicks

up here in late afternoon like it does at home and when the sun goes down the heat goes with it. It can be very chilly in the evenings and we are constantly shedding or adding layers of clothing according to the time of day and the time of year.

The sky is blue and the afternoon breezes are kicking up and whispering in the pine trees outside. My daughter is going to BBQ dinner so I'll put on a sweatshirt and join the family on their back patio in a little while. Enjoy your summer and please send a little heat my way!



Blue Mountain is one of Orange City, Iowa's nicest restaurants and caters to those who want a nice steak with unique surroundings. Ardie's son and daughter-in-law own another restaurant in town called the Hatchery and they serve good food at a reasonable price and their place is always busy.

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### General Plan Cont. from P. 1

will have to start the process over with a new set of plans, according to the Riverside County Planning Department. Hopefully this process will start over with the developer making a presentation to the Highgrove residents and the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council at a public meeting in Highgrove. The last time this zoning was changed, Highgrove was the last to find out about it and the Highgrove MAC immediately opposed it.

Even before Highgrove found out about this zoning change, the city of Riverside made written comments about how inappropriate this change was to the community of Highgrove in their letter dated March 21, 2008.

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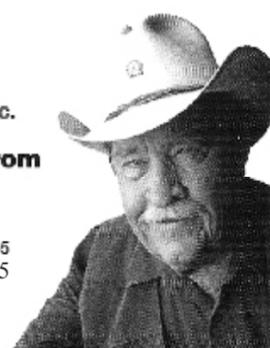
Mark (Ardie's cousin) and his wife Lynnette Schuller own 10 acres in Orange City, Iowa where 6 tons of rolled hay were loaded onto this trailer from their field behind their house. Each one of these rolled bales weighs 1 ton.



There are no oranges in Orange City but there is plenty of corn, soybeans and hay. Here the loaded tractor is headed out of the field past their maple tree.

  
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## Phil's Philosophy

by Phil Turner

### Tagging/Graffiti II

This isn't a subject that I wanted to return to this quickly, but I have a few ideas that I want to get out there.

I received a phone call recently from Barney, who was in Iowa awaiting the birth of his and Ardie's grandchild. He mentioned that he had visited WalMart there, and spray paint was openly on the shelves, available for anyone to pick up and purchase. Tagging is pretty much unknown in Iowa.

I received that call while I was on vacation on The Big Island in Hawaii. I checked the WalMart there, and spray paint is on the shelves there, no locks or barriers, as well. I noticed not a single example of tagging in the two weeks I was there.

In Arizona, which has a population very similar to California, tagging is almost never seen.

So, why is tagging such a problem here, and not in these others locations? I'll offer some suggested answers.

Lack of enforcement! In Arizona, if caught tagging, you will spend your time in a sweltering tent, made to wear pink underwear, and eat baloney sandwiches. God bless Sheriff Joe Arpaio. Additionally, there is a statewide hotline to report tagging. The number and website are widely published. I'm told the response is almost immediate. Someone comes out to the location and removes the tag pronto.

I think another reason is we are all completely overwhelmed. If we did know exactly where to call, how many hundreds of locations can you report in one call? Where do we start?

I have offered, what I think is one solution. Tax spray paint. Make it prohibitively expensive for the average tagger to afford. Use the revenue from such a tax to fund eradication programs, and hell holes to put offenders in.

All those are, I think, valid and helpful solutions. But the most important piece, the missing piece, is cultural. Visit any Latin American country, such as Puerto Rico, or Mexico. Tagging is rampant. Apparently it's part of their culture. I love both countries. Love the people, love the food, love the art. Hate the tagging!

I guess the rational is...the kids aren't robbing anyone, or killing anyone, they are just expressing themselves. Yea well, expressing themselves at the expense of millions and millions of dollars in damage to property. Plus making our region look like a third world ghetto.

My last suggestion is this...Publish the names and addresses of the parents of the kids caught tagging. The names of the kids can't be published. The reasoning for that ridiculous law completely escapes me. But that is another subject. Parents are responsible for the actions of their kids. OK, maybe parents will control their kids if they know that their name and address will appear in the paper, if caught.

If you agree with me, please send a copy of this editorial to your elected officials. I always do. Maybe if enough of us do we will effect change. (see photo below)

*Editor's note: The opinions expressed in this article are the viewpoints of its author and do not necessarily reflect the viewpoints of the "Highgrove Happenings"*



Cans of spray paint that are not locked in a cage were found in Orange City, Iowa and in Hawaii. The Highgrove Graffiti hot-line is shown below:

## Graffiti Hot line

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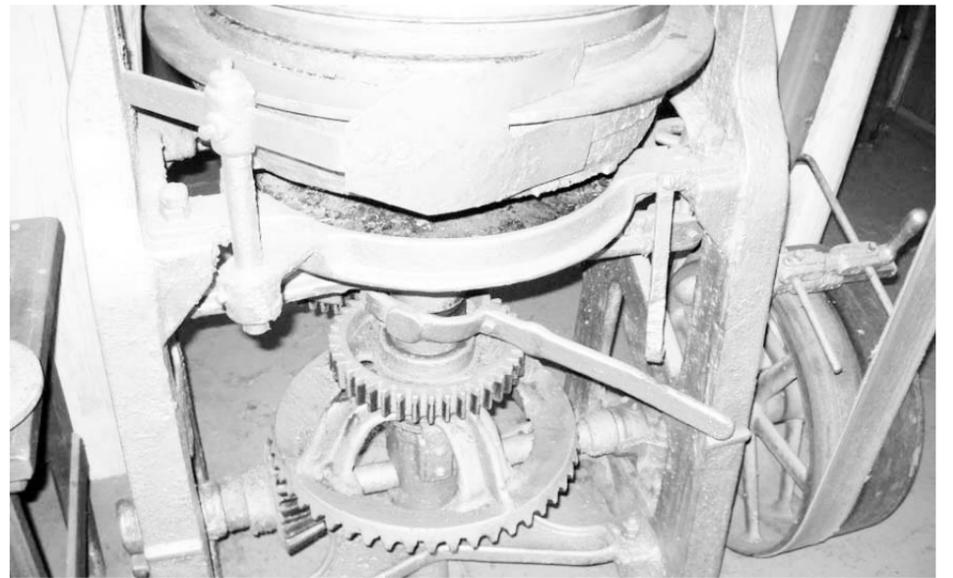
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## Have you ever been inside a windmill?



Orange City, Iowa is a Dutch community and has several windmills. This small one is near the entrance to Vogel Paint Co. and I took a look inside to see what was there.



Here is a view of the gears that are engaged when the wind blows against the blades of the fan. In the Vogel Paint windmill the fan and gears were used in the paint making process back in the 1920's.



## PEEK-A-BOO

Ardie is shown peaking around a small windmill telephone booth in downtown Orange City, Iowa. The building behind her is a new building that replaced the old hospital on this corner after a fire a few years ago. Ardie was born on the 2nd floor of the former hospital but the new building is now a shop. All of the facades in town have a Dutch theme.

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This predominantly Dutch community of about 5,000 people is the location of Northwestern College and has business headquarters such as Pizza Ranch, Diamond Vogle Paint, Staples, and farming. It is surrounded by thousands of acres of corn fields and you will not find any graffiti in this town!



Lynnette and Mark Schuller

Blue Bunny Ice Cream originated in 1913 in Le Mars, Iowa. Le Mars, Iowa is known as the Ice Cream capitol of the world and there were 8 of us who drove to nearby Le Mars just to have some ice cream.



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## Stub out Smoking in Movies

By Kari Moya

Approximately 340 young people die each year, as a result of smoking. While it is a sad reality, the truth is that today's adolescents are being bombarded with images of smokers being portrayed in a glamorous light. Our youth are seeing these images, particularly in movies, and are beginning to see cigarettes in a more positive manner, falling prey to the trap set by Big Tobacco companies. In fact, research shows that teens whose favorite actors smoke on screen are 16 times more likely to think positively about smoking. With popular actors, like Brad Pitt smoking on screen, adolescents are not likely to associate cigarettes with any negative effects.

If action is not taken, Big Tobacco companies will continue to hook millions of youth to a substance that is not only addictive, but deadly. The Smoke Free Movies Project, UC San Francisco offers the Four Solutions to help fight this irresponsible portrayal of tobacco. The first solution, to rate new youth-rated movies with smoking 'R', will make sure impressionable youth are not exposed to any film that shows tobacco.

The second solution, certifying no payoffs, means that studios will have to certify that no one involved in the motion picture benefited in any way from having tobacco in the film. Many people do not realize the many benefits different members of the film industry get from Big Tobacco companies, simply from placing tobacco products in their films. In the past, tobacco companies have gifted cars, cash, luxurious vacations and other lavish gifts to encourage placement of their

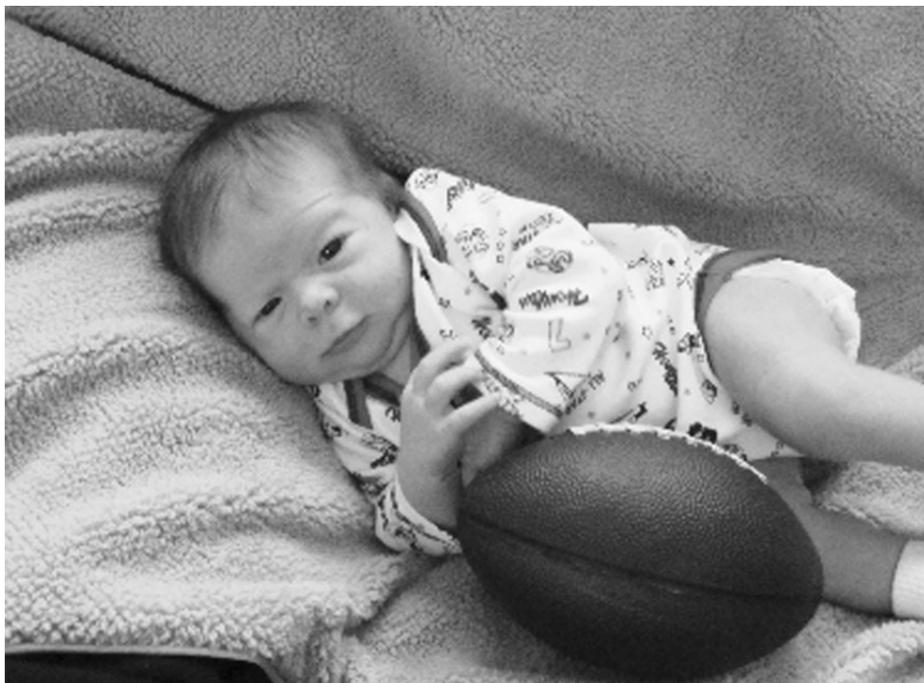
products in major motion pictures. Tobacco companies are paying thousands of dollars to simply get adolescents interested in smoking. Here we are thinking that movies are just a simple way to enjoy our free time and relax, when realistically we are influencing youth to see smoking in a more positive light.

The third solution requires that strong anti-tobacco ads be placed before any movie with tobacco use. This is important as it helps the audience see the negative, yet realistic effects of smoking. If moviegoers, particularly adolescents, are shown advertisements featuring smokers who are wrinkled and with yellow teeth, they will more than likely keep this image in their head the next time they are exposed to smoking. The fourth and final solution focuses on ensuring that no tobacco brand identification or imagery is present in motion pictures, even if in the background of a scene.

We must stop allowing Big Tobacco to take advantage of our youth. These companies spend millions of dollars with the intention of having adolescents becoming addicted to their products. If they succeed, they will have secured loyal, life-long customers. As one of Hollywood's highest paid writers wisely said, "A cigarette in the hands of a Hollywood star on screen is a gun aimed at a 12 or 14 year old." It is time to see beyond the smoke and stop Big Tobacco companies from continuing to negatively impact the lives of today's adolescents.

*Editor's note: The opinions expressed in this article are the viewpoints of its author and do not necessarily reflect the viewpoints of the "Highgrove Happenings"*

## Meet Austin Robert Jensen from Lennox, SD



This makes our family a happy dozen grandchildren. Austin Robert Jensen was born to my daughter Kelli and Wayne Jensen. He was born June 19th weighing in at a healthy 9lbs/3ozs. & 22" long. Kelli was a former resident in Highgrove about 6 years ago and worked at TM Cobb in Highgrove. She moved to Lennox, SD and married Wayne Jensen 6 years ago this past June 30th. He is welcomed by an older sister Bailey Jensen from Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Between Barney and I we are now blessed with 6 grand sons and 6 grand daughters. We were in South Dakota for the birth of Austin and after a few days Barney and my cousin Mark Schuller drove back to California and I stayed on to help Kelli with the baby the first week. I sure enjoyed my grandma time with all my grandchildren in Iowa and South Dakota.



Amazingly, many people harbor the idea that bullets fired straight up into the air are harmless. Some people even believe that the bullets dissolve in the air or float back to earth. Nothing could be farther from the truth. In fact, the bullets will fall back to earth with enough velocity to penetrate the roofs of homes and vehicles and not only is it extremely dangerous to shoot guns in our residential areas, but it is in violation of State Laws. IF YOU SHOOT FIREARMS IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY YOU WILL BE ARRESTED FOR A FELONY violation of the California Penal Code. Your Riverside County Sheriff's Department is urging all concerned citizens and community leaders to join with us in persuading all the members of our county to not celebrate any holiday or festive occasion by endangering themselves, their loved ones, and neighbors by indiscriminately firing guns.

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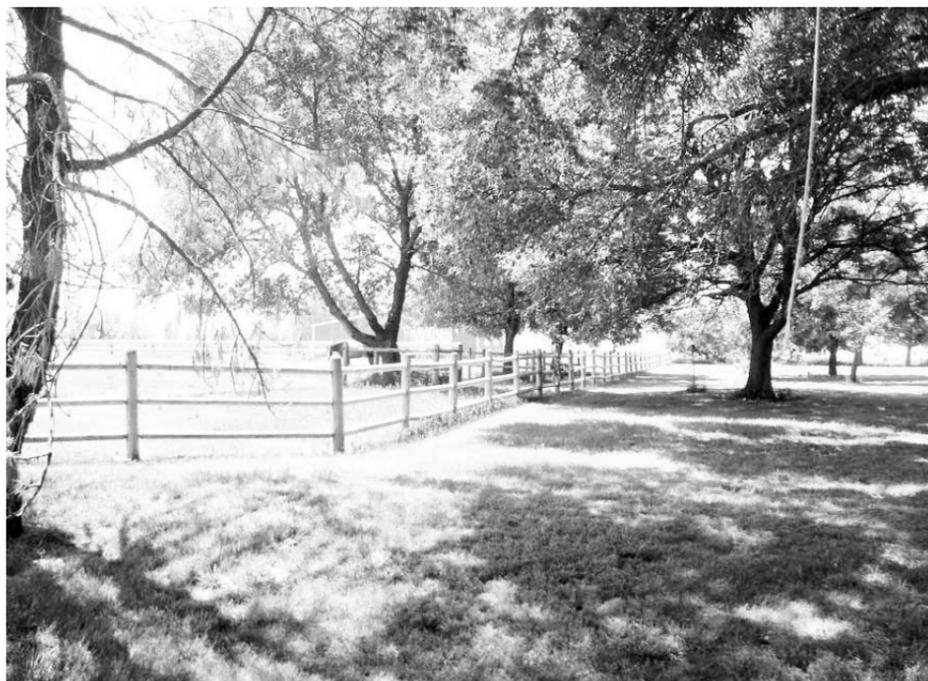
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Life on the farm is good but is also hard work!



“Skippy” is Ardie’s son Kyle and his wife Shelly’s horse. They also have another horse “Monte” that is in another corral. The house in the background is Ardie’s son Kendall and his wife Lori’s house. They live across the road from each other and the kids all play together. When Ardie returned to Highgrove, our 2 granddaughters Paige 14, and Cassidy 12, flew back with her after Ardie’s cousin Mark and I drove back in the car.



Kyle, Ardie’s oldest son, lives across the road from his brother Kendall and if you look closely you can see their horse “Monte” inside the corral. Kyle and Shelly own the “Hatchery” Restaurant in town which is about 1 mile away from where they live and Kyle also works for his dad at the farm. They enjoy riding their Harley/Davidson motorcycles and they plan on riding to Sturgis, South Dakota in the Black Hills.

When we were at Kyle’s a few years ago they had a trampoline but it has gone by the wayside and is no longer in use. Kia, her brothers Brody, Dalton and Tyler, and Paige and Cassidy from across the road gave it a good workout during its lifetime. Their oldest son Tyler is getting married in December.

## Iowa overpass to cause delays!

You can expect Iowa Ave. to be closed next month between Palmyrita Ave. and Spring St. when construction begins on the overpass over the BNSF railroad tracks.

Please drive carefully in this area.

Sunday School building is now called “Home”!



We stayed with Kendall and Lori and the 2 granddaughters in this house. It is surrounded by about 1,000 acres of corn used to feed 4,000 cows on their dad’s farm adjacent to Kendall and Lori’s house. The basement is Kendall’s “Man Cave”. The basement was dug and the house, that was formerly a church Sunday School building, was moved about 1 mile from town to this location and the garage was added after the house was set over the basement.



These 2 little Dutch ceramic figurines were “fishing” in the flower garden and I couldn’t resist taking a picture. The lady came out and instead of telling me to get off the grass she was very cordial and was proud of her yard and other items that were on display. She even took me to other parts of her yard to show me how she used some throw away items to decorate her yard. This clean little city is beautiful during the summer but I would not like the wintertime when the wind and snow are blowing and it is 20 below zero outside. I was born in Ft. Wayne, Indiana and I remember the cold!

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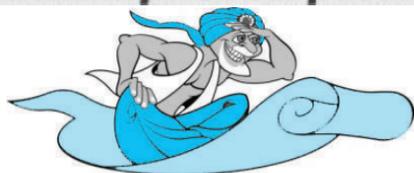
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## DEVILS DEN

by Dennis Wilds

"Ahm thill a wittle hungry. How bout wu?" Baby said to Delphia as he opened the paper bag and broke off a piece of cornbread.

Now Delphia had never known a day when she had had enough to eat seeing as how Booger was such a poor provider, so she reflexively answered "A little."

Baby handed the quarter loaf piece to her and got him another and they settled in to quietly eat the Zundappe concoction lying there on the library lawn as more storm clouds built in the southwest horizon totally blocking the late afternoon sun. The bread had sugar added giving it a sweet taste and occasionally she tasted a kernel of corn in it. Yet it had a certain tang to it that she could not identify and figured that must be the Relaxol Myrtle kept talking about. Each mouthful begged for another. Still fascinated by her bare feet, Delphia spread her legs apart wide enough to look beyond her toes out onto the street at the occasional passerby. By the time she had finished the bread she was very relaxed and a little sleepy, the effects of the paregoric she figured. The odors of the clover grass and the horse droppings in the street wafted over her, along with the sweet smell of jasmine, or maybe honeysuckle. She could still hear the reverberations of the parade band in her head as she hummed the tune of "Anchors Aweigh" over and over again under her breath. She was very aware of the presence of Baby and she enjoyed his vague musty body odor in a private sensuous way. In her mind, Delphia played over again the scene of David and Buck and Moe.

This whole event fascinated her for some strange reason and she

finally figured out why as she lay there lost in the scents, sounds and relaxation. She admitted to herself, that seeing a child and grownups interact in an overtly and totally fun game, demonstrating trust and kindness to each other, as David and his uncle had today, well, she had never experienced this type of joy in her family. Delphia proceeded to imagine that was her being roped and paid attention to earlier in the day and that was her uncle on his beautiful buckskin horse who carried her off down the parade route in her own vicarious adventure. Then she imagined herself on the float with the queen and her princesses wearing a clean white dress and her own fresh floral wreath with pin curled hair. Delphia realized that this was the closest thing to celebrating a holiday she could remember. Birthdays came and went with Christmas and Easter passing uncelebrated in her home in Buzzard Creek. This was the Fourth of July and it was making up for all the lost opportunities in her life. Delphia felt absolutely at peace in her own little world and she regressed into a child like frame of mind and soaked in the collective atmosphere of happiness in the moment right there in downtown Valliant. Delphia the pure innocent once again, at least for today with no thought of tomorrow or yesterday.

Feeling suddenly so very sleepy Delphia lay on her back in the grass and allowed her eyes to close. She invited sleep, feeling that a short nap would help before making the dreaded return back home. Rain was coming and the roads would be muddy if she waited too long, but just a short nap first. Somewhere people were setting off firecrackers in town and further in the distance thunder rolled in the heavens. A

cool breeze touched the soles of her feet and lifted the hem of her dress slightly. Reflexively, Delphia held the dress down against her knees and opened her eyes slightly. She was surprised to see that the clouds had dropped very low and the horizon was green with an ominous dark look to it. Glancing to her right, Baby was gone and to her left she saw Levester's buggy sitting quietly where she left it. The streets were empty. She was alone for now and she stared upward at the descending blanket of thunderheads which had begun to drape over the buildings of Valliant. She reached up and touched them. They were soft and downy and she grabbed two hands full of the clouds and pulled them down onto her body. They were warm and moist and seemed to dissolve upon touching her. She tasted them and they were sweet like cotton candy. Delphia noticed that her two feet protruded through the sweet blanket as she lay there eating her heavenly dessert. Again the strains of music rose from the street and Delphia raised her head to look beyond her feet toward the empty Main Street blanketed in misty clouds. Her eyes met with a vision she was unprepared for. The parade was coming back down the street keeping time to the strains of circus organ calliope music. Buck was leading the show, this time without tack and Uncle Moe. He was prancing and Delphia swore he was laughing. Buck looked at Delphia and reared up on his rear legs and walked to the beat of the music, prompting Delphia to break into applause.

Immediately behind Buck the goats were back pulling a sleigh carrying six, maybe seven pigmy goats jammed in together. The goats all wore children's clothing, and in place of horns, they had either roman candles or sparklers protruding. Turning their heads from side to side they lit up the library lawn with fire balls and showers of glittering specks of fire. Behind the sleigh a

marching band made up of walking watermelons with tubas, cornstalks playing flutes and sunflowers beating drums paraded past the goats that, by now had veered off onto the lawn and were approaching Delphia's spot on the lawn. Forming a circle around her, the goats illuminated the sky around Delphia and she could feel the occasional fireball drop around her and some fell on top of her. Each time one of the balls landed on her it felt oddly pleasant in spite of a gentle burning sensation. The falling sparkles from the kids' sparklers showered Delphia's bare thighs and ankles and feet like tiny pin prick deaths to her exposed skin. This too she liked. She felt strange and exhilarated by this new type of foreign pain. It scared her some but she welcomed it at the same time, wanting it to continue. The sensation built until her body was overcome by pleasure and contentment. Wanting it to continue forever, Delphia felt herself floating off the grass in the storm clouds looking down on the library lawn and Levester's buggy. All worries and concerns were transcended as she levitated, defying gravity and worldly bonds. Above her the sky had cleared and millions of stars sparkled down in her direction. Delphia experienced the sensation of falling up into the heavens, away from earth. By taking in deep cleansing breaths Delphia found that she could fly now and soon Valliant was vanishing behind her as she flew away from the storm clouds and followed Buzzard Creek as it wound its way toward home. Down below Delphia spotted the Zundappe compound with its orderly buildings and tents and garden. Off to the left she could make out her own cabin with its sagging roof of spotty shingles and corrugated iron sheeting. Her family's own pathetic garden was wilted and sparse. Delphia had to push back at the sadness welling up inside her stomach on seeing how she lived down there.

*To be continued next month!*



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## Life here is different than at home in Iowa!

by Cassidy Wassenaar age 12

This past week my sister Paige, my Grandma Ardie and I flew on a plane from Sioux Falls, SD to L.A.X. It was a 3-4 hour flight. We were supposed to get on the plane at 9:45 pm but 10 minutes late went into an hour late, and an hour turned into 2 hours late, then 3 hours then almost 4. They told us that something on the de-icer for the wing was broken so they had to fix it and they were working as fast as they could. So we proceeded to go through security and after security we waited for our inbound plane to land but by then it ended up to be about 1:30 am.

By the time we got on the plane we were all exhausted and thought we were going to sleep. But that didn't go so well. The only one that was asleep was my sister Paige. Once we touched the ground at LAX we got our bags and I saw my grandpa Barney and Mark. We got in the car and headed home, still Paige was the only one that got any sleep! When we got home my grandpa set up the RV and my sister and I both slept up in the top bunk. The first night I only got about 3 hours of sleep. But I was fine with that much sleep. There are a lot of things that are different in California than in Iowa. There is a lot more traffic and the houses are extremely different. In Iowa we have little shops in town and no Walmart or brand name stores. The only places we have to eat is Pizza Ranch, Subway, Quiznos, the Hatchery, and a Chinese restaurant. The population of Orange City is around 5,000. The population here is around 303,871 but there are 298,871 differences. Lots of people have pools in California, but not many in Iowa have a pool. There are many things about California that are different from Iowa- some good and some bad but that's also why people choose to live where they live.

## No, this is not the local freeway!



During our stay in Iowa while waiting for 2 weeks for Kelli to have her baby, we found other things to do. Mark and I ran across a racetrack in Onowa, Iowa one afternoon and noticed there must be something going on so we bought tickets not knowing what kind of races they were. When we sat down in the bleachers we noticed there was no back straight-away and no mud or water hole. It was a Destruction Derby and we had a ball watching these cars smashing into each other. They destroyed about 30 cars and one of our favorites was an old heavy 4 dr. Lincoln that folded up like a compact car when it was hit from both ends. It was number 4D4 not 44.

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Almost everyone would agree: Moving is a hassle. In addition to selling your current home and finding a new one, you may need to deal with a new school for your kids, a new doctor, a new dentist — the list goes on and on. But you'll also need to consider the financial aspects of your move — specifically, your investments, insurance, taxes and even your estate plans.

How can you help make sure that your move doesn't slow your progress toward your financial goals? Consider the following relocation "checklist":

Open new bank accounts, and set up automatic transfers. If your move requires you to change banks, open your new accounts as soon as possible. And if you had your previous bank automatically move money each month from a checking or savings account into an investment, set up a similar arrangement at your new bank.

Decide what to do with your employer-sponsored retirement plan. If you are leaving your job, you'll need to make some decisions about your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. For example, you might have the option of leaving your money in your former employer's plan, or you may be able to roll the money over to a new employer's plan. Alternatively, you could decide to transfer the assets into an Individual Retirement Account (IRA). Your financial advisor can help you make the choice that's right for your situation.

Discuss your situation with a tax professional. You may want to meet with your tax professional to consider the benefits or liabilities of any differ-

ences in tax laws between your new location and your old one. You may also need to address any implications resulting from moving and changing jobs.

Review your financial goals. Some of your goals, such as those related to housing and where you want to retire, may have changed as a result of your move. So it's a good idea to meet with your financial advisor to review your objectives.

Evaluate your monthly budget. If you followed a budget detailing your expenses and cash flow before your move, you may need to update it after you've settled in to your new home. If you haven't set up a budget in the past, you've now got a good reason to establish one — because a well-planned budget can help you avoid dipping into your long-term investments to pay for short-term needs.

Update your insurance coverage. Make sure your vehicles, stored possessions and new residence are covered during your move. And if your health insurance is changing, be aware of what's covered under your new policy.

Review your estate plans. If your move coincides with other important life events, such as marriage, divorce or remarriage, you may need to make some moves related to your estate plans, such as ensuring you have the correct beneficiary designations on any life insurance policies and your 401(k), IRA and other investment accounts. Check with your legal advisor to determine which steps make sense for your situation.

Moving may require you to adjust many aspects of your life. Reviewing the items on this checklist can help you get your financial house in order when you move into your new home.

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## General Plan (Continued from P. 5)

A portion of the letter from Riverside states: *"The proposed warehouse uses are thus inconsistent with the area's existing development pattern, particularly given its adjacency to sensitive land uses including Highgrove Elementary School, the Highgrove Library, and the surrounding established residential neighborhoods."*

Note: The library mentioned no longer exists at this location due to a new library that opened on March 19, 2011 just up the street.

## NORTH/SOUTH ROAD:



Michigan and Spring looking south

Another change suggested by the Riverside County Planning Department is to extend Michigan Ave. southward from Spring St. to Palmyrita Court which is in direct alignment between the existing buildings on the south side of the arroyo in Riverside. This short extension through the vacant field southward would result in a north/south road from Barton Road in Grand Terrace southward through Highgrove all the way to Columbia Ave. in Riverside. Grand Terrace is in the process of widening Michigan Ave. and Columbia Ave. already has an overpass over the BNSF main line that connects to the I-215 freeway just north of the 60/91/215 interchange.

## HIGHGROVE METROLINK:

Another item that should be considered in the new General Plan is the Highgrove Metrolink station. I have not written about this for several months but the facts remain that the Riverside County Transportation

Commission still opposes considering a Metrolink stop at Highgrove even though they own the property right next to the #3 main line where the station could be located. The good news is that they have stated that they do not plan on selling the excess property they own that is needed for a station. Hopefully, future development of the area will result in RCTC re-evaluating the use of their property for transportation purposes but under the current leadership it is highly unlikely that anything will happen soon! It too is dependent on rooftops and population growth. Highgrove has 1,555 acres of vacant buildable land and it is only a matter of time and economics to realize where that growth will be. The Colton Flyover will be completed in a couple of years that will permit even more Metrolink trains through Highgrove on the BNSF main line. When the Spring Mountain Ranch construction starts, another push for a Metrolink station will be necessary to try and convince the Riverside County Transportation Commission to use their existing land for transportation purposes to help take reduce freeway congestion and respond to the 10 year requests from the public for a Metrolink Station at Highgrove by just stopping some of these existing commuter trains.

## PIGEON PASS CORRIDOR:

Even though this project may be many years down the road, it is time to examine what route will have the least impact on our community. If and when a new road is built from Moreno Valley at the top of Pigeon Pass to the I-215 freeway, all of the possibilities should be examined include connecting the new road to Main St., Center St., Spring St., or Palmyrita Avenue. Other possibilities should also be considered such as making the connection to the east end of Columbia Ave. where there is an existing overpass over the BNSF RR tracks, or to the east end of Marlborough Ave. where RCTC plans on building a Metrolink station on the Perris Valley Line.

## STREET NAMES AND SIGNS:



Some of the items that have already been suggested include changing the name of Spring St. east of Mt. Vernon Ave from Blue Mountain Drive to East Spring Street and Center St. east of Mt. Vernon Ave. from Old Highgrove Trail to East Center Street. These 2 streets were placed on preliminary maps by RWR homes, the builder that went bankrupt in the Spring Mountain Ranch project, without any input from the community and now is the time to correct these street names before any new construction begins in this area.

## CONCRETE CURBS:

This asphalt curb is on Murphy St. south of Center Street



When new construction begins, the curb and gutters should be made of concrete. The cheaper asphalt curbs get soft in hot weather and crush when they are ran over. Concrete curbs last much longer!

Additional suggestions for changes in the General Plan can be submitted

## HIGHGROVE NAME ON STREET SIGNS:



Several years ago the Highgrove MAC requested and received approval for any new street signs to have the "Highgrove" designation at the top like the existing one shown in the photo. This process should be continued when any old street signs are replaced or any new signs are made including new streets in the Spring Mountain Ranch development or other future developments in Highgrove.

ted to the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council via e-mail at: [highgrovenews@roadrunner.com](mailto:highgrovenews@roadrunner.com) (951) 683 4994 or by written comments presented at the Highgrove MAC meeting at 7:00 pm, July 25, 2012 at the Highgrove Library, 530 Center St. in Highgrove.



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## Spring Mountain Ranch Update

I recently received a set of plans from the Riverside County Planning Department that contained 9 large maps showing the layout of the Spring Mountain Ranch. Many of you already know that the developer sold the project to the builder, RWR homers several years ago and they were going to start constructing hundreds of new homes in the Pigeon Pass area of Highgrove. But about this same time the economy took a dive and RWR homes went under, due to the economy and the excessive amount of homes that were on the market due to foreclosures and people who could not afford to buy a new home. The bank took over the Spring Mountain Ranch property and it is now owned by iStar Financial.

After examining these plans as an un-professional not knowing what they meant, I called the Planning Dept. and was brought up to date why the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council was sent a set of plans.

First of all you may recall that former Supervisor Marion Ashley and current Supervisor John Tavgliione have stated that anything new that is planned for our community should first be presented to the Highgrove MAC before going to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors for approval. This is a good thing because formerly Highgrove residents were the last to know if a developer was dealing directly with the county without input from the local residents.

The planner informed me that iStar Financial wants to reduce the amount of homes that will be built by replacing some of the residential lots with small pocket parks to make the project more attractive to a builder so the project will be more marketable when the economy improves.

This project, according to the original developer Bill Shopoff, already has over \$250 million dol-

lars invested in infrastructure and this figure is before any new homes are even built. As stated before, all grading, underground sewer lines, water lines, electrical poles, and flood control channels have already been completed. The pads for the new homes are ready for the tumble weeds just to be scraped off and start building homes.

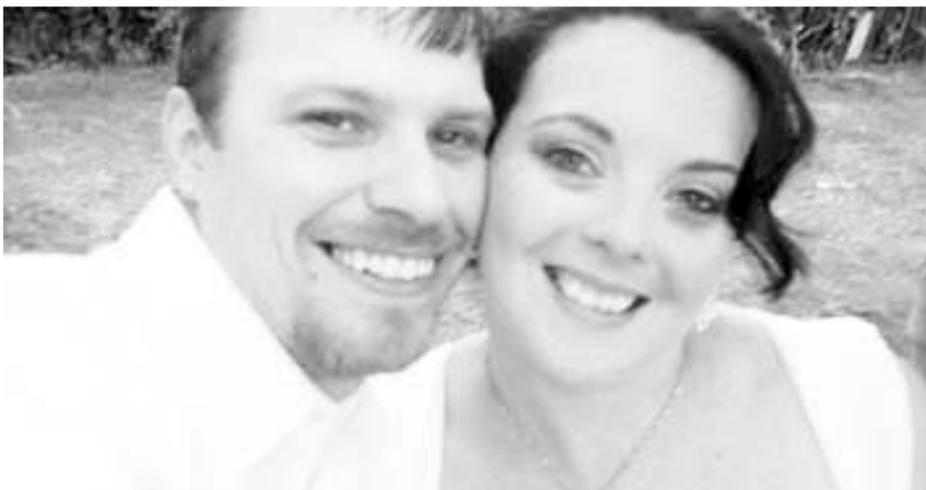
But the big question is when will that happen? My feeling is that it has already been way too long! But timing and marketing and an improved economy are the deciding factors. Don't look for anything to happen very soon, but remember this project has a lot of money invested and the investors have not seen any income at all from their speculation. I think it is still going to be a waiting game but the builder must wait for the homes to be marketable before they start construction and that could be several more years.

Another thing I learned in talking to the planner is that the original plans called for a water treatment plant to be constructed but is no longer needed. So the 5.2 acre parcel may be changed from a water treatment facility to a new public park. Reducing the number of residential lots and a new public park seem to be something that will make this project more attractive to a builder, future buyers, and present and future Highgrove residents because Highgrove could use another park.

We talked about these changes at the Highgrove MAC meeting in May. There will be a meeting on July 5, 2012 between the builder and the county but it is not open to the public. We will keep you informed when we receive more information.

Meanwhile anyone who wants to see the plans please call me at (951) 683 4994.

## WEDDING BELLS WERE RINGING



Asia Martinez and Ronald Allen Phipps of Anderson, Indiana, became husband and wife on June 21, 2012, in a garden-yard ceremony at the home of Asia's Grand Mother, Mary Jay of Highgrove.

The bride is the daughter of Mary-Ann Jay/Arter (a former Highgrove resident) and James Arter of Cedaredge, Colorado.

The groom, a native of Anderson, Indian is the son of Ronald Phipps and Alice Jones

The bride, a former Highgrove resident, was attended by her two sisters, Amber Martinez of San Diego and Shelby Arter of Colorado and their daughter Danica Phipps of Indiana as flower girl. The groom had, Jacob Arter and Brandon Myer, both of Colorado and Lance Slatter of San Diego as bride grooms.

The brides gown of white sparkle organza over white satin was a creation by her mother, Mary-Ann. The Bride- maids wore similar gowns of magenta also made by Mary-Ann. Flower arrangements and other accessories were also of magenta and burnt orange. The Beautiful ceremony was officiated by Thomas Cain of Fontana and attended by family members and friends both local and from out of state. It was a MAGICAL affair!!!

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Destiny Carranza: Age 9 is the winner of the June 2012 Word Search Puzzle. Destiny is in the 3rd grade at Highgrove Elementary School. Her teacher is Mrs. Beckel. Destiny is the daughter of Silvia and Agustin Carranza. Her mother is expecting a baby boy in September hence her choice in words for this months puzzle. (Boys names)



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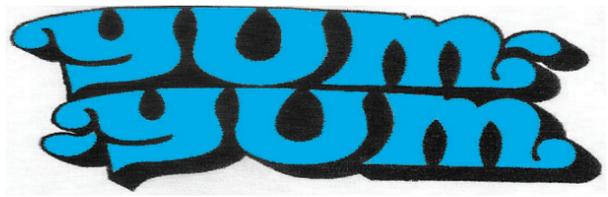
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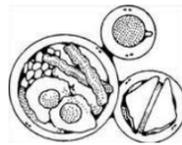


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