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(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area

June, 2009

Highgrove Day a huge success!



There were 86 beautiful cars parked on the grass at the Highgrove Day car show. This one belongs to Byron Matteson, former Mayor of Grand Terrace.

Many people assisted in making the 2009 Highgrove Day on May 9, 2009 a fun time for all ages.

The Highgrove Volunteer Fire Company started the day off with their pancake breakfast at the Norton Younglove Community Center. The rest of the festivities were held in the Highgrove Community Park. Many organizations were involved in the planning stages including the Riverside County Economic Development Agency, Family Service Association, Highgrove Pony Baseball, Highgrove Volunteer Fire Company, Supervisor Ashley's office and the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper.

Since Ardie and I were mainly in charge of the car show portion I would like to thank those who helped us with the car show and the band. Originally there were no funds available to have a stage or a band but we asked for help and the community (and other communities) responded.

Warren Carter from Grand Terrace donated the use of his 40' flatbed trailer that we used for a stage. He also delivered the flatbed to the park because it takes a 5th wheel connection (goose neck) to move the trailer. When he delivered it, the 40' by 40' canopy was not set up yet so we had to get another vehicle with a goose neck to back it in under the canopy after the canopy was put up. Thanks to Brad and Debbie Pierce, we used their truck to back the trailer under the canopy. Don Ritz owner of Fair Price Carpet in Highgrove donated a roll of colored burlap that

was used as a skirt that hung off of the trailer and covered the deck and rear railing. Mark Boone of the Champion Lumber Co. donated enough 2 X 4's to allow us to make a railing across the back so no one would fall off the rear of the stage.

The Rialto Lion's club and Dan Hirtz let us use 8 round tables and 32 chairs that were placed just outside the canopy area in addition to the round tables and chairs that were already under the canopy that were set up by the E.D.A.. We rented 8 umbrellas from Party Plus in Redlands to go with the round tables that were outside the canopy to provide additional shade.

The T. M. Cobb Company in Highgrove has supported our event for many years. They gave us a \$350.00 donation and this money along with the money collected from car show entry fees allowed us to buy the trophies, T-Shirts and supplies for flyers and entry forms, and pay the band. Each car that was entered received a free Highgrove T-Shirt that has our Highgrove logo on the front and a 1916 Highgrove citrus label on the back. Mickey Schultz of Traffic Control Service on the west side of the freeway at Columbia donated the use of 10 orange traffic cones and Jim Benson my friend from Grand Terrace used his truck to haul things around for us.

We had originally planned to use a 16' X 8' hay wagon donated by Don Ritz as a stage for our band the "Highgrove Barn Stormers" but our friends



The "Woof Gang" dogs were at it again. Their races are one of the most enjoyed events of the day. Later the kids raced against each other over the dog's course.

from the hi desert that play at the Eagles Club in Highgrove were able to come down and play so our small band ended up with 8 people on the 40' stage. We thank Jason Wondolleck of the Johnson Tractor Company, the Caterpillar dealer on E. La Cadena Dr., for donating and delivering the large generator for powering the band. It was nice and quiet and the Weinerschnitzel Weiner wagon even turned off their generator and used power from ours because it was much quieter. Ardie, John Stahley and I would like to thank PJ; lead guitar, Carl; lead guitar, Mel; bass and Jimmy; steel guitar from the high desert and Don; drums from Redlands for coming and playing with us. As you can see there were many people involved in this event.

After it was over we took everything back to our house using Jim Benson's pick-ups and Mike Bigelow's van. Mike was my neighbor when I lived in Grand Terrace. Jim was able to leave the generator hooked up to his truck in my yard overnight so we could take it back on Monday. We all crashed on the patio and ordered pizza. I missed the pancake breakfast because I was checking in cars for the car show and missed the hot dog lunch because of playing in the band and I was looking forward to having pizza. Just as the pizza was delivered I received a call from Katie Gers from the Economic Development Agency who wanted the flatbed moved so they could take the canopy down. Unfortunately both

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Riverside County Supervisor Marion Ashley was on hand to welcome everyone and thank them for coming to Highgrove Day! A special thank you to Katie Gers from the Riverside County Economic Development Agency, Cynthia Cruz: Highgrove Pony Baseball, Sherry Morris-Logan: Family Service Association, and Pete Bradley: Highgrove Volunteer Fire Company.

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Economic Development Agency

Highgrove Community Center Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00am-2:00 pm

Highgrove Community Park Hours: Dawn to Dusk

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Supervisor Marion Ashley, Katie Gers and all the EDA Staff members, Melanie Zimmermann/Ashley Furniture, Denis Kidd, Toy Tech, The Original "Taco Village" Mexican Seafood, Fiesta Village Family Fun Park, Wilson's Frame-Up, California Citrus Coop, Starbucks, Karen Dennis, Reliable Tire Center, Cal Skate Grand Terrace, J.W. Guns, Fruit Growers Supply Co. Rosario Cardenas, USA Hand Car Wash, Highgrove Happenings Newspaper/Ardie & Barney Barnett, Budget Transmission Inc., La Pasta Italia Restaurant, Honey Hill Grinders, Food Connection Restaurant, Red Baron Pizza, Rotary International, Waste Management, Fitness 212 for Women, RDO Equipment, and all the FSA staff and volunteers.

Calendar of events:

Mark the dates!



- Flex Your Power Presentation on Senior Pot Luck day **June 10th at 11:00** Flex Your Power Senior Bingo game
- Jessica Jarquin from Molina Health Care will be here **June 2nd, 5th and 16th from 8-10 AM** to discuss all the wonderful health services and locations.
- Benito Ruiz from Healthy Families will be her **June 5th from 8-10:00** to a discuss statewide program designed to help families with low-cost and no-cost health coverage for children.
- Darrel Evans from Scan will be here on **June 18th 10:00** to discuss how to enhance your benefits and services with SCAN Health plan for Medicare and Medi-cal members. Free Bingo

F S A has selected Carman Carranza as the Volunteer of the Month

by Ann Slocum Peoples

FSA Public Relations Specialist

Family Service Association (FSA) has selected Carman Carranza, a resident of Highgrove, as the Volunteer of the Month.

Carman volunteers at the Highgrove Community Center, operated by FSA. She can be found working in the food give-a-way programs including the Commodities, Brown Bag, Rolling Cart and other food services.

Carman is 76 years young and enjoys volunteering because "it's fun to see people get excited over little things like receiving a toy (from the Center)."

She said the volunteers get along really well at the Center and she enjoys getting to know the people.

Carman has been married for about 54 years to her husband Manuel. Together they have three children and six grandchildren. The couple has lived in Highgrove throughout their entire marriage and live only four blocks from the Center. When she is not volunteering, Carman enjoys going to casinos and traveling. She has traveled to Cancun, Havana and the Caribbean.

Before retiring (about 11 years ago), Carman worked as a citrus packer for 20 years at Brown Estates in Highgrove. She was also employed for 15 years by Kaizer Permanente as a Dietary Aid, serving food to patients in the Fontana hospital.

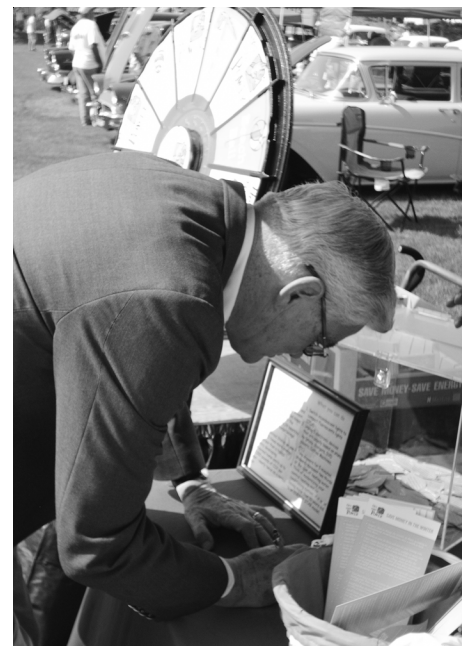
FSA has many openings for volunteers. If you would like to become a volunteer, please contact Sherry Morris-Logan, Manager of the Highgrove Community Center at 951-341-6634.



Carmen Carranza

Highgrove Day

On May 9, 2009 the Norton Younglove Community Center and Riverside County's Economic Development Agency celebrated Highgrove Day. The fun-filled event was enjoyed by all. During the festivities Sherry Morris-Logan the community center's Manager and Leila Santamaria the center's Activity Specialist hosted a "Flex Your Power" campaign booth. This statewide campaign is funded by the utility ratepayers and administered by the California Investors Owned Utilities under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission. The Flex Your Power campaign aims to educate the public about ways to save energy, save money, and ultimately save the environment. For more information about Flex Your Power visit www.flexyourpower.org or contact the Norton Younglove Community Center at (951) 341-6634.



Mayor Ron Loveridge signed a pledge for "Flex Your Power" while he was at Highgrove Day.

Don't Forget!!!

Brown Bag:

1st & 3rd Tues. 8:00am - 10:00am

Commodities: 4th Friday of the month 7am -10am



Rolling Cart FOOD GIVE AWAY

1st and 3rd Friday of the month

Bring a rolling cart to the Center and our volunteers will attempt to fill it with food. Community members are asked to provide their own cart, sturdy enough to carry about 40 pounds of food. However, we can **not** guarantee how much food each family will receive. This program is sponsored by the Second Harvest Food Bank.

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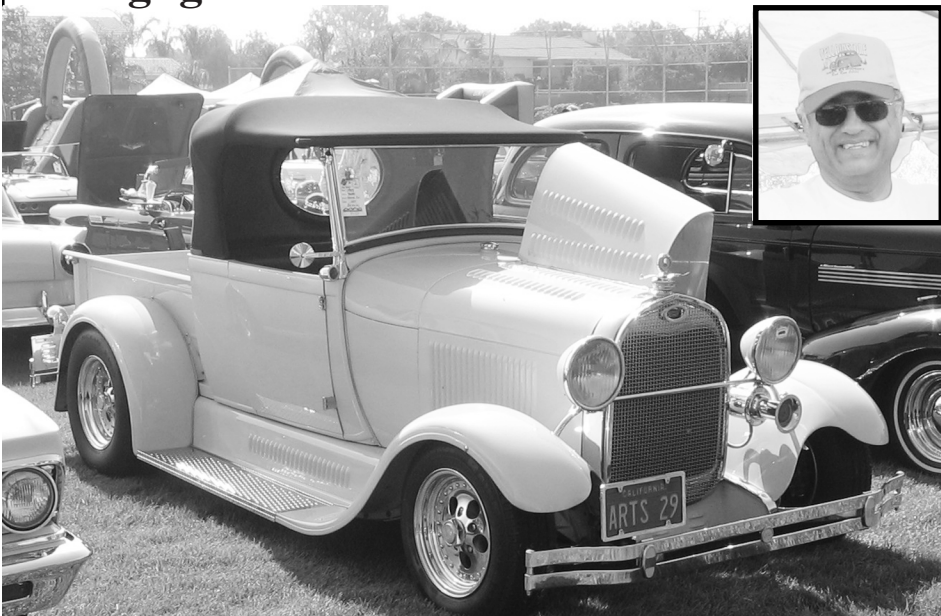
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Highgrove cars win awards at car show



No judges for the Highgrove Day car show were from Highgrove, but 5 cars were selected that are from Highgrove. Pictured above is Art Bernal and his 1929 Ford Roadster Pick up. More Highgrove winners on pages 5, 9, 12 & 13.



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HIGHGROVE SHERIFF

Deputy Bryan Vig Stats :

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Phone Number for the Sheriff Dept.: **(951) 776-1099** (Non emergency)
Hot line tips for Highgrove Deputy Bryan Vig: **(951) 955-2611**



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workers were still busy taking down the 40' X 100' canopy that was used for the kid's fun zone so we did not delay the removal of the smaller canopy. When I returned home I finally got to eat some pizza they saved for me. We were all tired but it was a great day for Highgrove!

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Ann Slocum Peoples, Public Relations Specialist FSA

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Ron Vervick, Executive Director of Whiteside Manor (a non-profit organization), uses "Catering for a Cause" to deliver about 70 dinners per day, seven days a week to the clients in his recovery home. He said, "I'm very happy with the service. It's quality food, on time and cost effective." He also added that FSA is open to suggestions when necessary and easy to work with.

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Highgrove’s own Sheriff Deputy, Bryan Vig on left is shown with Explorer Sergeant Moises Prado, center and Sheriff Deputy Michael Shackett on the right.



This rubber tire train spent the day taking kids of all ages around the park.



And there was a smaller train set for the younger kids to play with in the big tent!



Kids always seem to like to have their faces painted and many of them did just that! There were many kids games inside the 40 ft. by 100 ft. “Kids Zone” tent.



It was fun to watch the large dominos fall over when the “domino effect” began!



Jumpers are always popular and they were well used by some of the older kids.

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Free hot dogs and chili dogs were provided by County Service Area 126 E Highgrove that included bringing the Wienerschnitzel Mobile Unit into the park. That is my daughter Beverly, on the right, Rob, and our grandson Kipp. They live in Phelan. Kipp enjoyed running in the dog's course during the kids games.



This 1968 Ford Torino belongs to Allen Edwards from Highgrove. His car had just been painted and it was selected as one of the "Top 20" of the show.



Many vendors set up their E-Z ups and talked to people about their product or service. We thank the county EDA for organizing the vendors. They included: Absolute Synthetics, Alchemy, American Medical Response, American Storage, Amputee Connection, Anthem Blue Cross, California Highway Patrol, Cisneros Martial Arts, Citizen Emergency Response Team, Cub Scouts, Emergency Reserve, Family Services Association, Friends of Blue Mountain, Highgrove Happenings Newspaper, Highgrove Library (Riverside County Book Mobile), Highgrove PONY League, In Life LLC, Riverside County Animal Services, Riverside County C.A.R.E., Riverside County Child Support Services, Riverside County Code Enforcement, Riverside County Graffiti Busters, Riverside County Network of Care, Riverside County Sheriff, Riverside County Workforce Development Center, Riverside Highland Water, Ruthanne's Jewelry, Taking Pounds of Sensibly, and the Woof Gang dogs.



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The 1948 Diamond T Stater Bros. truck was able to attend again this year and was parked on the south end of the park near the community center.



Many car show people bring EZ ups with them to provide their own shade. Art Aguilar, far right from Fontana, will have a little more comfortable chair to sit in since the winner of the beautiful recliner donated by Ashley Furniture couldn't use it and gave the recliner to Art. Now we expect to see Art carrying that huge recliner to all the future shows instead of bringing that light-weight fold up chair!

“Best of Show”



Bill Skinner from Riverside won the “Best of Show” award with his 1956 Chevrolet convertible. The car is beautiful inside and out, and underneath too!



The beautiful leather interior was done by Dan Brown of DB's upholstery right in Highgrove: (909) 228 4289. The quality and detail of this car is amazing and Bill has received many awards from other car shows.

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What is that! This one was definitely the most unusual vehicle in the car show! It is a 1916 Kissile FWD vehicle that was used in WW I owned by Bill Leuer.

Meeting with Juan Perez, County Director of Transportation

After several weeks I was able to get a meeting with Juan Perez who is very busy overseeing transportation issues in Riverside County.

On May 21, 2009 I met with him and Richard Fairhurst, Senior Transportation Planner to discuss several issues that are directly connected to Highgrove. Among the items discussed were the Pigeon Pass Corridor, a new north/south road through Highgrove, installing the Highgrove Logo on all new street signs or those being replaced, changing street addresses to east Center St. and east Spring St. in-

stead of changing the name of Center and Spring streets to Old Highgrove Trail and Blue Mountain Drive. The Pigeon Pass Corridor was explained in our April issue and stated the reason why the new road should not connect to Center St. and should connect to Main Street instead.

I few weeks ago I gave Mr. Perez a copy of a power point program Ardie and I made explaining and showing how a Center St. connection would not be good for Highgrove.

At the meeting on May 21, 2009 I

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Highgrove committee members tour housing facilities



L-R: Darryl Brown, Melanie Zimmermann, R.A. "Barney" Barnett, Tony Mize

On May 15, 2009 committee members Melanie Zimmermann and I (R. A. "Barney" Barnett) were taken on a tour of developments that have been completed or under construction by Workforce Homebuilders. Tony Mize and his son Alex, and Darryl Brown showed us various locations such as the J. E. Wall Victoria Manor in Riverside, The Mission Village Senior Complex in Glen Avon, and 3 locations in Rancho Cucamonga: Monterey Village and Learning Center, Villaggio at Route 66, and the Mountainside Learning Center.

Workforce Homebuilders want to build 84 apartment units south of the new library. The new Highgrove library is

planned on Center St. just west of Michigan Ave. and the apartments would be located south of the library behind the homes on the west side of Michigan Avenue. The committee reported back to the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council at the monthly meeting that was held on May 27, 2009.

Kirk Wallace from A W Properties West has also attended our meetings in regard to building 150 additional apartment units near the same location that is between Michigan Ave. and Garfield, Center and Spring Street.

As stated in our previous issue, both of these developers are interested in what

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Pigeon Pass Corridor

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gave him power point packets and letters for distribution to the following cities and/or agencies involved in making the decision about connection to Center St. or Main Street. Copies were supplied for: San Bernardino County, City of Grand Terrace, City of Moreno Valley, City of Colton, City of Redlands, City of San Bernardino, City of Riverside, Riverside County Transportation Commission, and San Bernardino Association of Governments. Supervisor Ashley has already received his copy and the copy for Loma Linda was given to Adam Rush of Riverside County Planning at our meeting on April 22, 2009.

The goal of distributing these visual presentations is to educate the surrounding cities who are discussing the di-

rection the Pigeon Pass Corridor will take so that they can see the impact it will have when a road is built to handle traffic from Moreno Valley through Highgrove.

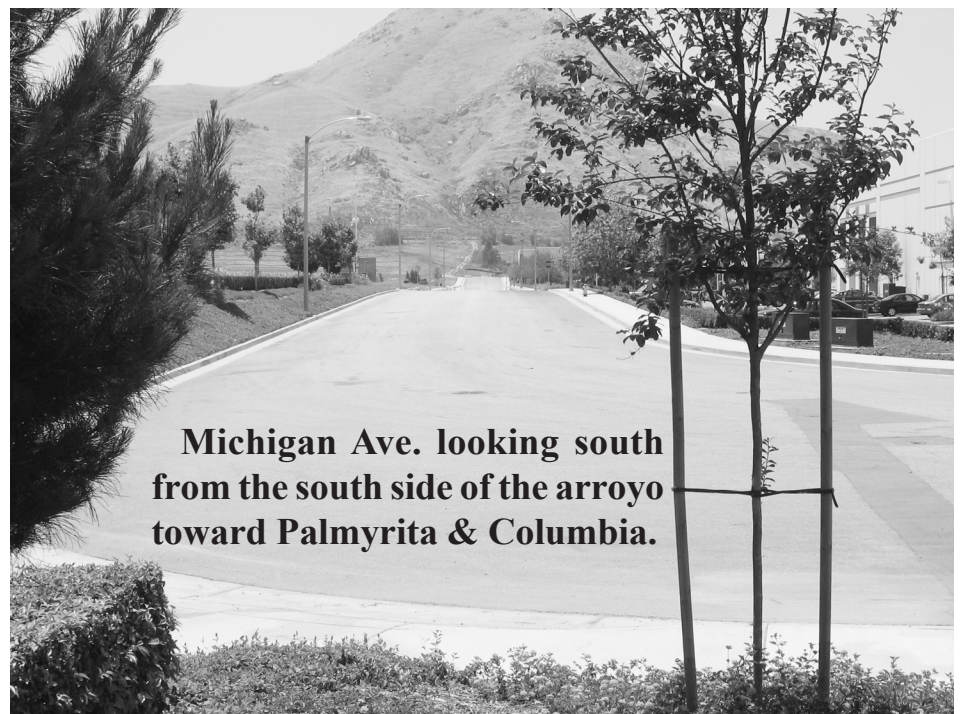
Hopefully this information will be given to the representatives before their next meeting. Mr. Perez did not know when that meeting would be held but said he would forward the information to the proper people.

Another important item discussed was the extension of Michigan Ave. southward across the field and arroyo and connect to Palmyrita Avenue. If Michigan were extended it would allow a straight road all the way from Barton Road in Grand Terrace, through Highgrove and southward to the base of Sugarloaf Mountain at Columbia Avenue. Columbia Ave. is where there will be an overpass over the BNSF RR tracks that is now under construction.

New Road between Spring St. and Palmyrita Ave.?



Michigan Ave. looking north
from Palmyrita Ave.
toward Highgrove.



Michigan Ave. looking south
from the south side of the arroyo
toward Palmyrita & Columbia.

Housing facilities

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the public concerns or interests are, and they are willing to listen to suggestions about the use of this vacant property.

According to information provided by the Riverside County Economic Development Agency, "Highgrove has 1,550 acres of vacant land". Many of these acres are ready to build on, such as the Spring Mountain Ranch

development when the economy returns to normal.

As local representatives we are taking input from residents and proceeding with an open mind to insure that we advise Supervisor Ashley what we feel is best for Highgrove's future. Development is coming and we want to have input of how these changes can be used to improve Highgrove.

There was a report given at the community meeting on May 27, 2009 about the facilities that we visited.

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Highgrove still needs a Metrolink Station!



A station platform like this one in Pedley is needed in Highgrove next to the BNSF main line on the pie shaped 19 acres between the 2 railroads. The following letter was sent to RCTC staff that asks 8 important questions about commuter rail service in our area. Here is a copy of that letter:

Dear Eliza, It is my understanding that RCTC will now do a full environmental study of the Perris Valley Line project. This study is an important tool for the public to understand the impacts the new commuter rail service will have on the various communities and cities that these trains will pass through. This is a request for information regarding the existing commuter train service on the BNSF main line and the proposed future Perris Valley Line commuter train service.

1. How many Metrolink or Amtrak passengers currently travel by rail between

San Bernardino and Riverside per week on the existing trains?

Riverside to San Bernardino _____

San Bernardino to Riverside _____

2. How many Metrolink or Amtrak passengers currently travel by rail between San Bernardino and Riverside on the week-end (Saturday and Sunday) on the existing trains?

Riverside to San Bernardino _____

San Bernardino to Riverside _____

3. How many Metrolink passengers do you project will be boarding your proposed Metrolink station at start up, in the vicinity of Palmyrita Ave. on the

Perris Valley Line?

Riverside to Perris _____

Perris to Riverside _____

4. How many new commuter trains will run between Riverside and Perris at start up when the Perris Valley Line is ready for commuter service?

Riverside to Perris _____

Perris to Riverside _____

5. What are the proposed station locations and times for the stops for the new commuter trains on the Perris Valley Line?

6. Will there be any new commuter trains at start up that run between Perris and San Bernardino in either direction?

7. Will Perris area passengers have to change trains in Riverside in order to get from Perris to San Bernardino?

8. Will there be any connecting commuter train service at Riverside that will correspond with the arrival of trains from the Perris Valley Line for commuters who want to go from Perris to San Bernardino?

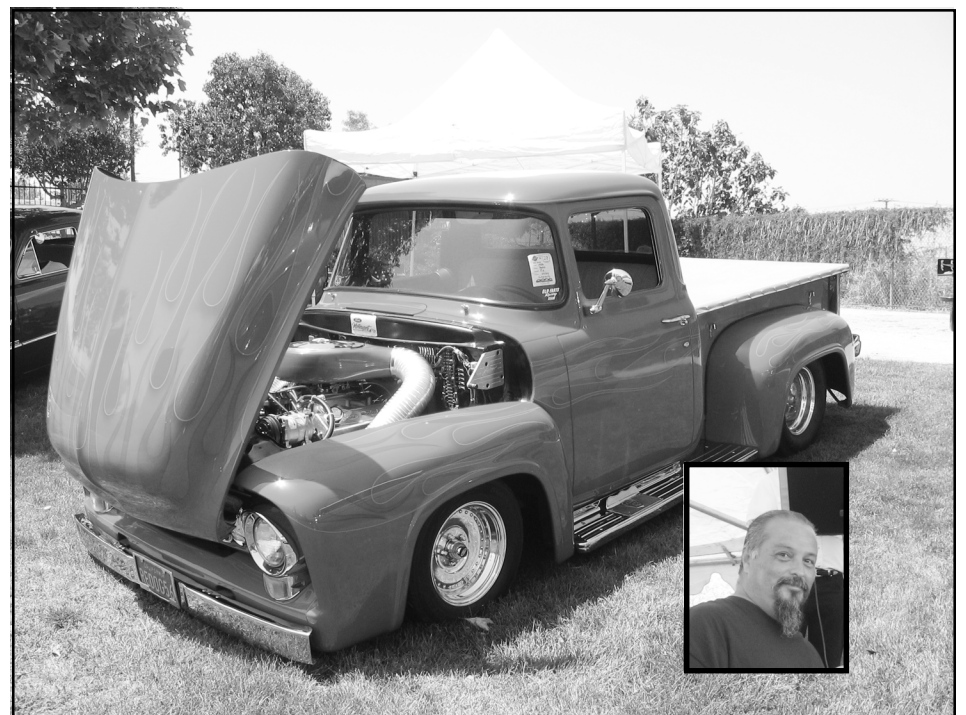
When answers are received we will print them in our next issue.

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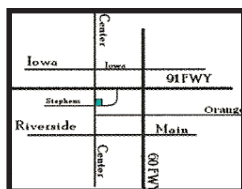
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VIRGINIA'S VIEWPOINT

by Virginia Harford

VALIDATING A GOOD MAN

The May 26, 2009 meeting of the Grand Terrace City Council was mainly an exercise in validating the activity and reputation of Steve Berry. He had been maligned by a local disreputable so-called newspaper in such a way that many of us decided he needed someone to speak up for him. Several of us, including myself spoke at length of our feelings of outrage over the publicity that was totally uncalled for and inaccurate. Steve has been a mainstay in the position of acting city manager in the absence of Tom Schwab who has held the position of city manager for several years. Tom had to take a leave of absence for several months while he recuperated from serious illness. Steve did a remarkable job of holding down the fort and did it well and with much foresight and intelligent planning. He is a good man and did not deserve the negative publicity.

To add to all of the confusion, at the Grand Terrace City Council meeting on May 26, 2009, Mayor Maryetta Ferré announced that Tom Schwab has decided to retire and not seek getting his old job back as City Manager.

By Tom Schwab retiring makes me wonder: Now what will happen?

Will Steve Berry, the Assistant City Manager who was taking Tom's place while Tom was off sick, continue to seek the City Managers position or will the position be opened up to others who qualify and want the job?

Stay tuned for more information later! Both Loma Linda and Colton are also going through changes in their city manager's positions.

DOWN THE HOMESTRETCH

Well, folks, the Grand Terrace Blue Mountain Villas and Senior Center is on the home stretch to becoming a reality. The building of the housing units and the center for activity and lunch is for the most part finished. It is going to be a beautiful addition to Grand Terrace. The housing units are almost all reserved. Much scrutiny has been performed by the staff that will handle the housing but the senior center will be under the city and JoAnn Johnson president of the Seniors Group. Restrictions on the hopeful dwellers of the

housing have had to undergo serious background checks as well as careful inquiry into their financial situation. There are stringent rules to be followed by the residents.

In the meantime those regular diners at lunch at the senior center have had to find other accommodations. Ima Davis and I have been going to the Highgrove Senior center for lunch. So have several of the other members of the Grand Terrace group. We have been assured that the opening of the new center will not take more than a few weeks to be set up to serve lunches once again.

SHE LOVES ANIMALS

Recently I was driving down Mt. Vernon Avenue and spotted someone ahead of me who was stopped trying to manipulate a small black and white dog to prevent him from being in traffic and possibly being seriously hurt or worse. Lo and behold it was Bobbie Forbes our illustrious real estate woman trying to get the dog out of the way and home where he belonged. Bobbie loves animals, has a few of her own and will risk life and limb to save an animal from being hurt. As I am sure she did just that!

GRAND TERRACE HIGH SCHOOL

In a recent column Cassie McDuff in the Riverside Press Enterprise wrote the details about the controversy regarding naming the new high school being built in Grand Terrace and the rigors of trying to understand why Ray Abril Jr. did not stand up and say that he did not want to cause dissention between the Colton Unified School Board and the residents of Grand Terrace and would abdicate his position of having the school named after him. I have not heard one word from Abril or his family why they do not do that. This would be the time to do that before it becomes official. I still do not understand why the board does not change the name of Colton High to Ray Abril High. How about it Mr. Abril? How about coming forward and showing us the man many folks believe you to be, and do away with this controversy, hmmm? Finis

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"

What happens if the fire alarm rings?



Thankfully this fire alarm hasn't been used recently and the bird's decided it would be a good place to build a nest. I saw this on the side of the building when we visited Animal Services in the Jurupa area looking to adopt a cat when the thought occurred to me: What happens if the fire alarm rings?

Grand Terrace Community Players Announces Debut of New Theatre Company

The Grand Terrace Community Players will kick off its long awaited debut with a showcase of local talent this summer, entitled "Showcase Spectacular, a Musical Revue... and More", a mix of songs from Broadway and Movie Musicals, and scenes from upcoming plays.

Vocal auditions are scheduled for Saturday, June 6th in the Community Room at City Hall, located at 22795 Barton Rd, Grand Terrace, CA, from 12pm to 5pm. Please bring resume, head shot (if possible) and own accompaniment (CD preferred) and all potential conflicts from June 13th to July 19th. Be prepared to sing approximately one minute of a Broadway or Movie Musical song.

The Showcase performances will be held at Terrace Hills Middle School, 22579 De Berry Street, in Grand Terrace (corner of De Berry and Mt Vernon), CA, on July 17th, 18th at 7 pm and matinee on July 19th at 2 pm.

Tickets will be available online, starting July 1st at EventBrite.com. General ticket prices are; \$10 Adults and \$ 5 for Children under the age of 12. Special Discounted tickets are available, at the door only; Students; Military; Fire; Police; Teachers and Senior Citizens; \$7. Please show qualifying IDs when purchasing tickets at the discounted price. For additional information contact Lori Williams at gtcommunityplayers@yahoo.com. Donations are always (and gladly) welcome!

The Grand Terrace Community Players organization is also seeking experienced stage crew members; musicians; choreographers; directors and playwrights. Please send emails of inquiry to gtcommunityplayers@yahoo.com.

About Grand Terrace Community Players – A recently formed non-profit community theatre organization, dedicated to producing quality entertainment for Grand Terrace and the Inland Empire.



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"In Our Own Backyard"

by Cynthia Williams, DC

Places to go, things to do, people to see!

How many of us have said- "I've lived here for 25 years and I have never been to that [fill in the blank]!" This column is to introduce you to what is in your own backyard and show you what you are missing. Then maybe you will want to go explore for yourself.

Highgrove Library, Highgrove, California

Right in front of Highgrove Elementary School is our Highgrove Branch Library; which is part of the Riverside County Library system.

My first memory of the library in Highgrove was in a little white house on Center Street near the Methodist Church. I was in elementary school and the library was my favorite place to go. Later the library moved to the former grocery building at 937 Center Street across from the church. It was a nice big space with lots of books. In my senior year of high school I got my dream job as an assistant at that library. I worked there for one year before moving on.

Our library staff of Louise Gutierrez the Branch Manager, Christina Torres, Assistant Librarian, and Joseph Garcia, Page, is very knowledgeable and capable of assisting you with whatever you need. Libraries have evolved considerably since I was an assistant. Books are still the star and there is a great variety at our branch. Spanish language, bilingual books for children, and large print books are available. There is an emphasis on books for students, but there is a great selection of hardback and paperback books for adults.



Books are the core of any library but libraries have become a destination with so many exciting services; some of the services available through the Riverside County Library System to patrons with a library card might surprise you...

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The library has a photocopier (15¢ a page) and computers for patrons to use. You may print for *free* 10 pages each visit (10¢ a page after you use your 10 pages) any material you want. Louise told me some students bring in their jump drive and print off their homework. Some patrons like to print off material they have found on the web as well.

Books on Tape have been around for many years. Cassette tapes are still available at our branch as well as CDs and a couple of hundred are available.

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Pearl's Picks™ is a well thought out list of recommended reading from Nancy Pearl, a regular commentator for National Public Radio and KUOW in Seattle. Ms Pearl is very popular (a "Librarian Action Figure" was modeled in her likeness) and thousands of book lovers look to her for her picks of "what do I read next?" She is the author of "Book Lust" (2003) and five other books about what to read. If you are stuck on what to read next, you can click her link and get one recommendation or ten of them!

Adult Literacy Program; their mission is "To help English-speaking adults improve their literacy skills so they may fulfill their personal goals and take advantage of opportunities as lifelong learners." This free program is available with one-to-one tutoring with a program designed to meet each student's individual needs. The students meet twice a week at a nearby library for a total of about three hours a week.

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And one more helpful item- there is a page of links to dozens of other sources including the libraries in the Inland Library System, Government Resources, and Library Related Resources.

Visit the Highgrove Branch Library and check out the great variety of books and services available to you. Their hours are: Tues & Thurs 10am to 6pm, Wed 10am to 2pm, Sat 10am to 3pm, Closed Friday, Sunday, Monday. They are located at: 690 West Center St, on the corner of Center Street and Garfield right in front of Highgrove Elementary School. Phone: 951-682-1507.



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\$17,000 of Unclaimed money waiting for Highgrove Residents

By Debbie Pierce

Being a member of the Highgrove Municipal Advisor Committee (MAC), I'm always thinking of ways to help improve the community in which I live and how to improve services for residents. The other day a fellow MAC Member e-mailed me a link to a NBC 4 news story highlighting the billions of dollars the State of California is holding for residents as unclaimed money. The state of California has over \$5 billion owed to people or businesses. That's \$5 billion, with a "B". The money comes from banks, insurance companies, former employers, ex-landlords and others, who supposedly can't locate the owners of the money.

The NBC Investigative Reporter Joel Grover spotlighted how much of this money is owed to local governments. According to his investigation, the Colton Public Library in San Bernardino County is owed over \$9,500. Think of what you could do with an extra \$9,500.

Like the rest of businesses, my employer has cut spending during this economic down turn and I was curious if my company was owed money. I did a search on the FREE public website, <http://scoweb.sco.ca.gov/UCP/> and I found that my employer was owed almost \$1,000.

Now my curiosity was really peaked. I was wondering how many of my friends and family members were owed money that they never knew about. I did a search using my family name, and I found that my mom was owed \$50 from Hewlett-Packard for a computer rebate back in 2004. Apparently Hewlett-Packard only had a partial address and the rebate check was returned to them and they eventually turned the money over to the state of California. My grandmother has a \$25 insurance premium refund from Allstate Insurance Company that is from over 15 years ago.

I was curious to see how many Highgrove residents were owed money. I searched the site using Highgrove as the city and 82 names appeared and those residents or ex-residents are owed over \$17,000. While many of the refunds average just under \$100, there are a few that are over \$1,500.

Much of the money is in the form of forgotten savings accounts, money market cds, insurance premium overpayments, court settlements, and securities but there was also money from escrow accounts, unclaimed paychecks and 1 share of stock.

I have included a list of all of the names that are owed money and were associated with Highgrove. If you or someone you know is on this list, please go to the websites listed below and follow the instructions for claiming your money. The website has all of the information for submitting claims and proving that you are the person who the money is owed to or that you are the next of kin if the person is deceased. There are services that will help you find your lost money but they're not necessary and just charge you money for something you can easily do yourself. California State Controller's website for finding unclaimed money - <http://scoweb.sco.ca.gov/UCP/> En Espanol - http://www.sco.ca.gov/upd_msg_spanish.html. NBC 4 new article - http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/Unclaimed_Property.html

Highgrove Residents who may have money coming that are on the list are:

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City News Gives The Gift Of Hawaii

By: Jules E. Beuck and Rose Botkin-Beuck



Jane Messer, winner of a trip to Hawaii.

For those who read the Grand Terrace City News, you are aware that the City News has been holding a "Win A Week In Hawaii" Contest. Over one thousand readers entered the contest. On May 1, 2009 the grand prize was given away.

As potential winners came to the publishing office in Grand Terrace they found themselves at the City News Luau. The Luau had a definite carnival atmosphere as there were game booths, raffles, food and music provided by local merchants.

In addition there was a fund raiser for local Cub and Girl Scout troops. For example, there were games for the kids such as knocking over milk bottles, miniature golf and balloon popping at a quarter a game. There were also gift baskets provided by many of the participating merchants that were raffled

off. A total of seven hundred and fifty six dollars was raised which was split three ways between local cub scout troop #242 and two local girl scout troops.

Music was provided by Audio Concepts of Grand Terrace. Taco Village of Grand Terrace offered a varied menu of Mexican food and Lenos Rico Taco of Colton provided carne asada or chicken tacos and rice and beans. Alice's Restaurant of San Bernardino provided fruit cups. Summers Treats of Grand Terrace had cotton candy and Hawaiian shaved ice (according to Summers Treats "if its not Hawaiian shaved ice, it is just a sno-cone"). All were at no cost to anyone who showed up.

Margie Miller of Miller Associates Realty and the publisher of the City News gave away the grand prize of a

week stay in a two bedroom two bath condominium on the water on the island of Maui in Hawaii. Congratulations to Jane Messer of San Bernardino who will have the use of that condo.

When Jane was notified that she won she said "What a surprise to win a trip to Hawaii because I'm not one of those "lucky" people. "I don't ever win things, this is such a surprise!

Jane loves to ride Harley's, has a passion for her Italian Greyhounds, and loves artistic stained glass. Jane said that she plans to go for a hike on Maui and would like to explore the island. She loves Hawaiian music, the Polynesian culture, and the soft air of Hawaii.

Jane concluded with, "Thank you to the Grand Terrace business people that orchestrated the May 1st event. Your hard work is greatly appreciated!"



Don Ritz, owner of Fair Price Carpets in Highgrove was also a winner in his 1936 Ford panel. He has several cars to choose from but I suggested this one because the "Fair Price Carpets" sign on the side would be a good chance to get some free advertising. Their advertisement is on Page 4: (951 684 8578).

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1219 W. Church St	2	1	1904	1,062	\$60,000	5/15
1303 Wheaton Way	2	2	1977	1,024	\$70,000	5/13
609 Flynn St	3	2	1959	1,144	\$72,000	5/6
2543 10th St	3	2	1985	1,120	\$75,000	5/5
2591 12th St	4	1	1940	1,272	\$81,000	5/1
1451 Everton Pl	2	2	1972	1,152	\$83,700	5/21
4365 Michael St	3	2	1952	880	\$85,000	5/22
1684 E. La Cadena Dr	2	1	1926	900	\$95,000	5/20
375 Central Ave #124	1	1		740	\$117,500	5/1
4307 Park Ave	2	1	1976	989	\$118,000	5/22
2574 10th St	3	2	1987	1,118	\$125,000	5/4
2891 Canyon Crest Dr	2	2	1975	900	\$130,000	5/1
375 Central Ave #101	2	2	1997	960	\$145,000	5/1
806 Kentwood Dr	4	3	1969	1,694	\$150,000	5/1
2827 10th St	5	3	1947	2,102	\$175,000	5/1
1144 Athena	3	2	1983	1,076	\$180,000	5/1
3410 Bahia Pl	5	2	1967	1,825	\$185,000	5/5
670 Highlander Dr	3	2	1956	1,261	\$190,000	5/18
866 Spruce	5	3	1963	2,197	\$199,900	5/11
5124 Chequers	4	2	1963	2,018	\$215,000	5/5
5415 Lauder Crt	3	3	2000	1,555	\$236,000	5/1
1843 Redfield Rd	4	3	2006	1,948	\$245,000	5/18
3440 Santa Cruz	4	2	1971	1,936	\$255,000	5/14
1165 Lyndhurst Dr	4	2	1963	1,847	\$290,000	5/16
945 Le Conte Dr	4	2	1976	2,285	\$330,000	5/22

MONTHLY TRENDS:

Properties SOLD in HIGHGROVE in APRIL: 34

Properties SOLD in HIGHGROVE in MARCH: 13

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The Highgrove United Methodist Church is sad to announce Pastor Lincoln Galloway is leaving. Rev. Galloway has faithfully served our church and the Highgrove community for the past two years. He will continue his teaching duties at Claremont School of Theology. He along with his beautiful family, wife Romania, daughters, Keisha and Alexia, sons Jeremy and Deion have truly blessed our church and will be greatly missed. We wish them our very best as they continue to do God's work and hope they will always feel the love and appreciation of the Highgrove United Methodist Church family.

A farewell reception will be held immediately following the church services on June 14th. If Pastor Galloway and his family have touched your life, please come and tell them goodbye and wish them well in their continued work for Christ.

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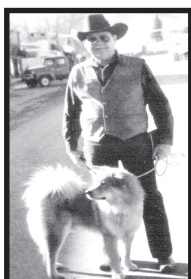
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