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(FREE) Local News for the Highgrove Area

November 2019

Highgrove landmark destroyed by fire

On Oct. 19, 2019 Ardie Barnett and her sister, Geri were approaching the train tracks on Center St. when they noticed smoke and flames coming from the El Rancho Bar and Restaurant on the corner of Center St. and Transit Avenue. Ardie called 911 and started taking these pictures of the fire.



This picture was taken before the fire trucks arrived and although the flames are shooting skyward, the El Rancho banner is still visable.



But shortly thereafter, the banner was on fire and melting, and the entire inside of the structure was on fire. While I was taking pictures I heard a loud explosion and at this point the firemen from the Highgrove Fire Station 19 were the only ones fighting the fire.

There were no injuries reported but the steel bars on the windows had to be cut by firemen to get access to the inside of the building. The response included 2 hook and ladder units, 8 other fire trucks and many firemen, the sheriff department, Edison, and many onlookers. The fire extended up one of the telephone poles that eliminated cable TV and internet service to the surrounding area until it was repaired about 8:00 pm Saturday evening. The building was a total loss!



Highgrove's Fire Station 19 was the first to arrive at the scene.



But that soon turned into a total of 10 fire trucks that arrived to help extinguish the flames.

I have fond memories of my early days in the 50's when this used to be called "Ben's Place" that was owned by Ben and Bessie Kidd where we could get a root beer for 5 cents or a big one for 10 cents while we ate our hamburgers. I called my former Highgrove Elementary School friend Denis Kidd who lives in Grand Terrace and told him that his mom and dad's restaurant had been destroyed by fire.

He told me that the building was already there when his mom and dad first opened Ben's Place in 1938. They sold the business 20 years later in 1958 and since then it has been occupied by other businesses such as the "Benchwarmers" sports bar, La Michoacana Bar and Restaurant, and the latest business which was the El Rancho Bar and Restaurant. (Cont on P. 3)

Highgrove Community Center Hours: Mon-Thur 8am-4pm; Fri 8am-2pm

Highgrove Community Park Hours: Dawn to Dusk

Contact: (951) 241-7221



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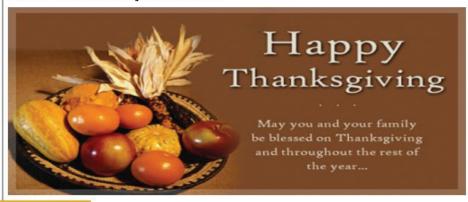
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Family Service Association

Leila Santamaria Center Manager Priscilla Burton Office Assistant II

Clerical Volunteers: Jack Aboytes, Cynthia Kupfer and Rosie Navarro

Hello Community Members,



CALENDAR!

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SAVE DATE

November 1st: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM Medicare Advantage plan resources hosted by George Mora/Health Ins. Agent 909-900-6369 Lic# oLo6375 representing Cen-tral Health and Alignment

November 3rd:



November 5 and 12th: 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM TOpening Doors" Program – 20 hours of instruction Sponsored by RUSD. Opening Doors workshops are designed especially for parents and child care providers 0-5, family and community members from Head Start programs to participate in their children's education, review and discuss strategies for making every opportunity they have with their children teachable moments



November 5th: 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Birthday Cake Provided Sponsored by George Mora /Health Ins Agent LIC# oLo6375

November 11th:

Closed





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November 28th and 29th



Family Service Association's Mission: Building community one family at a time, through compassion, advocacy and comprehensive model services, fostering self-sufficiency and sustainable impacts.



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Tuesday Bingo

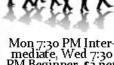


12:30 PM - 1:30 PM 4 cards for \$1.00 Includes refresh-



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Sunday 11:00 AM For details call Pastor Pete Sarry 951-237-2337

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Mon 5:20 PM, Tues 4 PM, Wed 5:20 PM, Thurs 6:15 PM, Sat 8;30 & 9:15 AM for details call Kim 909-721-2815

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Child Development Center Has Openings!!

Free or low cost Early Care and Preschool Programs call 951-342-3151.

Call our FSA Administrative Office 951-686-1096 for details on other program services provided: Clinical Services, Housing Services, Mobile Fresh, and Hope Collaborative.



Vetrans Car Show in Redlands Sylvan Park Oct. 13, 2019



The Veterans Car Show was limited to 600 cars and was sold out.

San Bernardino Rendezvous Back to Route 66 car show Oct. 5, 2019



This is Louis Aguilar's 54 Chevy with the matching trailer he built.



The roof collapsed and everything inside was a total loss. The only thing left standing was the brick walls on the outside of the building.



The telephone pole was burned and we lost phone service. until 8:00 pm. Later workers broke the sidewalk and drilled a hole for a new pole.

Dine In Take Out Drive -Thru Home Style cooking Our food is cooked to order, so please allow a little extra time! 1320 E. Washington Ave. Colton, CA 92324 909~420~0041 Family Restaurants



Volunteers needed to help plan 33rd Annual Highgrove Day on May 9, 2020

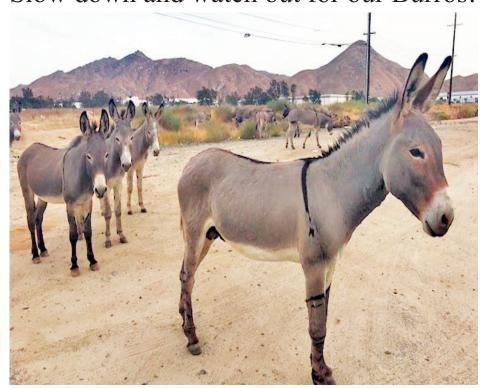
Two meetings are scheduled to help plan the 33rd Annual Highgrove Day that will be on May 9, 2020.

The first meeting will be held at 2:00 pm at the Norton Younglove Community Center in Highgrove on Wednesday afternoon Nov. 6, 2019.

The second meeting will be held at the Highgrove Library at 1:30 pm on the following **Saturday Nov. 9, 2019**. Hosted by "Barney" and Dena.

All Highgrove residents from the old part of Highgrove and the new residents from the D. R. Horton and Spring Mountain Ranch properties are encouraged to participate in the planning of this important event. To view some of the past Highgrove Days please go to: www.highgrovehappenings.net, click on "Latest Issue" and look at the October 2018 issue of the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper.

Slow down and watch out for our Burros!



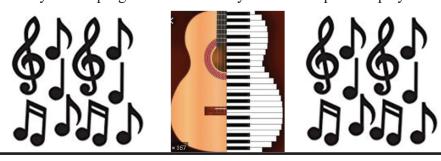


Because sometimes they play in the street!





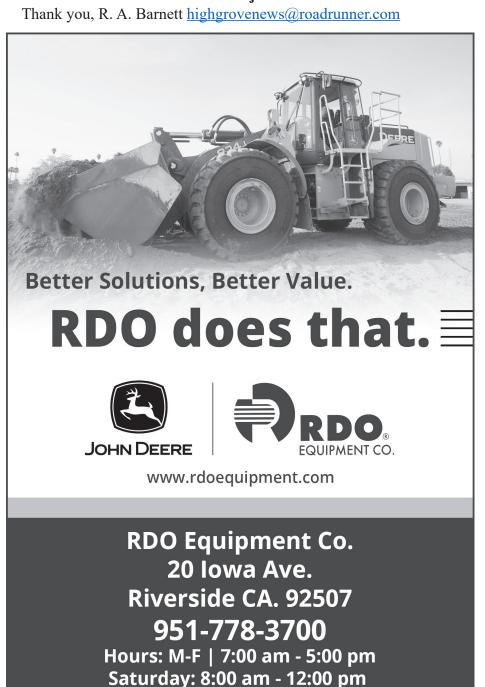
Wanted: Lead guitar player and Casio keyboard player for oldies and country jam sessions. Call "Barney" (951) 683 4994 I already have a programable Casio keyboard and a place to play music.



Request made for more information concerning Supplemental Law Enforcement funding

Irina Sandoval,

I am sending information to you for your reference from your predecessor Tammy Nelson dated Feb. 8, 2017 that refers to CSA Highgrove Supplemental Law Enforcement Funding for FY 15-16 and FY 16-17. Please send related information on the same subject for FY 17-18 and FY 18-19.



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Chase Bank Robbery



On Oct. 1, 2019 at about 6:00 pm a robbery suspect fired at police from inside the Chase Bank in Colton.

A SWAT team made up of Colton, Fontana and Rialto police surounded the bank and the San Bernardino County Bomb Squad cleared the building and found the suspect dead from a self inflicted gun shot.

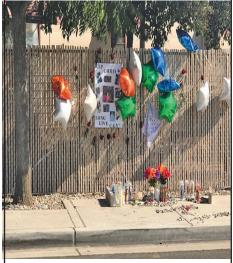
We thank the Press Enterprise Newspaper for their help with this article. Photo by "Barney" Barnett.

Dennis Gallegos Memorial



Many people have asked me to do something about the memorial to Dennis Gallegos who was killed on September 28, 2017 when, as a pedestrian, he stepped too close to a freight train at this location. We printed an article on our web site: www.highgrovehappenings.net on page 14 of the November 2017 issue of the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper. We have asked for assistance from the BNSF railroad because this memorial is attached to the fence along Main St. that surrounds the railroad's equipment storage yard. We realize the heartache and loss that the family has gone through but after 2 years of this memorial, people keep suggesting that the family needs to move these items to their private residences.

Highgrove shooting



On October 3, 2019 there was a shooting in Highgrove that left one dead and two others wounded. The shooting took place at about 6:20 pm in the parking lot south of the Chevron Station on the south/ west corner of Center and Iowa. There is a memorial on East La Cadena Drive where one of the victims died at the scene that is shown as a Memorial to CGV. A second victim suffered major injuries and a third was treated for minor injuries. No other details have been released by the Sheriff Deptartment at this time.

What happened to the Highgrove Station Sign?



I took this picture in July of 2008. Highgrove is still a station on the railroad's timetable and we would like to have the sign replaced for historical purposes.

On October 14, 2019 I sent a request to the BNSF railroad in San Bernardino to try and get the Highgrove Station sign replaced near Main Street where it was located before it disappeared.

I sent a copy of the picture I took of the Santa Fe. Steam engine 3751 when it passed through Highgrove on May 14, 2014 that shows the station sign. Later I found the above picture that was taken 6 years earlier in July 2008. I have asked the BNSF raileoad to help us replace this historic sign. I even promised to have a new sign made if the railroad would provide a post and do the installation.

Union Pacific's Big Boy locomotive 4014



The engineer sits in the very back of this hugh steam engine.



Here is where the Engineer sits. How would you like to look out these small windows to see where you are going while you are pulling a long heavy train?

On Thursday Oct 10, 2019 we met our friends from Moreno Valley, Bob and Pat Kearney at Union Pacific's Colton yard to look at the world's largest steam powered locomotive. Shuttle service was provided to transport people from the parking lot at Kessler Park to the track where old 4014 was parked and others had gathered to take pictures. On the following Sunday Bob and Pat rode the Big Boy train from Barstow to Colton but we did not go with them. I saw the U P's Big Boy before it was restored when it was parked at the Fairplex in Pomona and it is much larger than Santa Fe's 3751 that Ardie and I rode from Los Angeles to San Bernardino years ago.

As a former Santa Fe/BNSF Conductor, I am grateful that these old steam engines have been restored.

Be aware of your surroundings!





Do you know that there are gasoline tanker trucks and trailers being parked on the property in Highgrove that used to be the Executive Image car lot and later the RV Trends recreational sales lot? The placards on the 6 trucks and trailers display 1203 which is gasoline. The building is also history that used to be the offices of the former tenants.









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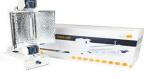
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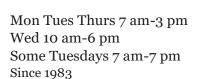


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Crime Stats for HIGHGROVE

Monthly Crime stats from 9-19 to 10-16, 2019

Petty Theft (2)

Assaults (2)

Robbery Firearm (2)

Burg. Res. (1)

CarJacking (1)

Grand Theft (4)

Veh. Theft (2)

Theft from veh. (1)

Homicide (1) CALL

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Kyle Jones RTA's top cowboy

Kyle Jones is RTA's top cowboy once again after dominating the competition during the Agency's 2019 Bus Roadeo. The coach operator's driving skills earned him a first-place victory at the annual contest held October 5 at the Agency's Hemet facility. During the recent event, Kyle and other drivers steered their 40foot machines through a timed serpentine obstacle course of cones, sharp turns and challenging back-ups. The win gave Kyle his fifth crown in six years and a chance to represent the Agency at regional and international contests. It's no secret that Kyle is good at this sort of thing. In 2017, Kyle became the first RTA driver (and second in California) to win the APTA International Bus Roadeo. Other first-place winners during RTA's 2019 Bus Roadeo were Yvette Estrada (Maverick Division), Zachary John (Maintenance Division) and Jessica Leon (Administration Division). The contest also featured several RTA Board members. The best overall was Mayor Brian Berkson.





Kyle Jones

On Veterans Day November 11, 2019, buses will operate regular service. Veterans are always welcome on RTA buses and get discounts on base fares.

Tom and Brenda Freeman: "expecting"



Our long time frinds Tom Freeman and his wife Brenda are looking forward to an addition to their family around the first week of January. Tom was a long time Riverside County Foreign Trade Commissioner who now works part time for Supervisor V. Manuel Perez. Back in 2011, I was a guest on Tom's radio show "Duty, Honor, Country" on KTIE 590 AM Radio. Brenda (Salas) Freeman also works for Riverside County and was instrumental in helping us when the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council was created. She is now an administrator for the Riverside County Dept. of Public Health. Congratulations to this fine couple as they start their family.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving with your family

Families don't get together like they used to. Once our grandparents pass on, a lot of times, so does the connection that once held us together.











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"Sankey Creek-Redlands



Created in 1890-1820 with Native American and Mexican labor the Mill Creek Zanja-affectionately called "Sankey" by locals is the oldest irrigation ditch in Southern California still in use and is listed in the National Register of Historical Places. This photo was taken at Sylvan Park in Redlands.

Mary Caranza turns 100 years old

Mary was born in Larado Texas on Oct. 4, 1919 and came to Highgrove as an infant where she has lived ever since.
Mary started working when she was 14 years old.



She worked at the Brown Estate Packing house in Highgrove for 16 years and she retired in the 80's and is currently living with her sister Carmen Caranza. Carmen said that Mary still enjoys working in her garden. Congratulations Mary, I know you have seen many changes in the last 100 years! WOW!



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FAKE NEWS CHALLENGE

The articles in the Highgrove Happenings Newspaper are the truth of what is happening in and to Highgrove and we are not just printing our opinion. We print articles about what is actually happening to Highgrove that affect you and we have verification to prove that what we print is true-such as the Deputy Sheriff we are paying for that we do not have and the 18 year struggle to get a Metrolink station at Highgrove.

Documentation is available upon request and we welcome anyone who wants to challenge any statements in our paper.

Please go to: www.highgrovehappenings.net and click on "Latest Issue" to see articles that go back to July of 2008. Thank you for your many years of support!

R. A. "Barney" Barnett (951) 683 4994 highgrovenews@roadrunner.com.

Definition of aWhistleblower: (Oct. 2019 issue)

"A Whistle blower is a person who informs on a person or organization engaged in an illicit activity."

I guess by the above definition I qualify as a Whistle blower. I still regret having to file a lawsuit against Riverside County but the long list of reasons why this had to happen have just been explained in the preceding article that shows why Highgrove was forced to take legal action. I have not filed this lawsuit alone because 3 other property owners John Shivery, Haroldine Swing, and Janet Aboytes also were plaintiffs on May 21, 2018 when the lawsuit was filed on behalf of all of the residents in Highgrove east of the freeway who are tired of paying for a service that was eliminated. The new property owners in Spring Mountain Ranch and the D R Horton homes are all being charged enormous amounts in excess of the annual \$120.00 that is shown on other CSA 126 tax bills.

Response received from Definition of a Whistleblower:

Hi Barney: Outstanding reporting. You published the definition of a whistleblower. Sir, you are not a whistleblower, you are instead a champion of those of us who live in Highgrove. As 13 year residents we follow your efforts on our behalf with great interest. It is amazing that those who are supposed to represent us turn so cold and aloof when we need them. They make Riverside seem to be an uncaring place to live.

Thank you Barney for all that you are trying to do for us. We support you fully. Richard Fandel

Reply:

I am proud of blowing the whistle on the county because someone has to stand up for every taxpayer in Highgrove. Our next court date is November 12, 2019.

Input needed from all Highgrove residents!

Two ballots approved the special tax for our Deputy but no notice was given to the voters when the Deputy was eliminated. I am proud to stand up for Highgrove and be a "whistleblower" to expose what Riverside County is doing by continuing to collect taxes for a Sheriff Deputy that was eliminated almost 10 years ago!

If you live in Highgrove east of the I-215 freeway check your property tax bills. The older part of Highgrove is paying \$120.00 but if the amount directly across from CSA 126 on your tax bill is more than \$120.00 you are paying too much. Our Highgrove Sheriff was eliminated on Dec. 30, 2009 and Highgrove residents are sueing Riverside County on your behalf and we want your input. Please send your comments and copies of your tax bills to:

Please send your comments and copies of your tax bills to highgrovenews@roadrunner.com Thank you!

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by Cynthia Williams, DC

"Be kind to everyone. You never know what they are going through." American holidays have been, for many years, a complete cliché. Every holiday, festive or not, has become an occasion for a sale. New bed for Veteran's Day? New car for President's Day? The focus on the reason for the holiday has seriously been totally lost. This is not another rant about rampant commercialism. That would be a cliché in itself.

Veteran's Day is observed on November 11th. Anyone know why November 11th? Originally named Armistice Day, after the armistice with Germany November 11, 1918 at 11:11 am, it was proclaimed by President Woodrow Wilson on November 11, 1919. At the urging of major US veteran's organizations, in 1954 it was changed by congress to Veteran's Day.

Veteran's Day recognizes the service of all military veterans (other than those who were dishonorably discharged). Currently there is approximately 18.2 million living veterans in the US. More than NINE million are served by the Department of Veterans Affairs. There are 1,074 outpatients medical and 170 VA medical sites to serve 18 million veterans.

Quick math: 1,074 + 170= 1,244 18,000,000 / 1,244 = 14,470. This means nearly 15 THOUSAND veterans could be competing for medical services alone at each

thousands who urgently need treatment for PTSD. It's estimated that between 11% up to 20% of veterans of the Afghanistan, Iraq, and other middle east conflicts suffer from PTSD. The numbers are very difficult to track due to poor reporting by the military, lack of self-reporting by those in service and those who are either retired or have completed their enlistment, and because there are many who try or who have tried to obtain treatment but haven't been able to be seen.

In June 2018 the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (V.A.) released a suicide data report. AVERAGE number of suicides among veterans is TWENTY per DAY. Twenty veterans every single day are taking their own lives. Quick math: 20 x 365 = 7,300 a year. That is an astonishing number. That is a horrible number. The tragedy is that it's greatly preventable. Here's another number: As of July 27, 2018, the United States Department of Defense lists total 2,305 deaths of service members in the middle east during the entire middle east conflict. We are losing over three times as many service persons to suicide each year as we have lost over the entire conflict lasting nearly 20 years!

These are horrible numbers. Obviously we cannot "fix" this situation on our own. What can

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to everyone. Not all people who you are part of the problem." If to meet.

provide care to the people in your for another day!) foreign, too whatever. judgement for deciding if your direct you! bread in the bird should be called dressing or stuffing.

"If you are not part of the solution,

suffer from PTSD wear camouflage you choose to ignore the problem, and flags. Many struggle next to and simply feel bad for a moment you every day without saying a when you learn about another daily word. So just be nice to everybody veteran suicide, you are part of the problem. The need is too great to "Think global, act local." It is the ignore. I'm sure everyone has been VA's responsibility to care for our or knows a veteran. My family has veterans but as the numbers bear a long history of veterans going out, it isn't doable with the current back to the Revolutionary War! number of facilities. It could take My dad and uncles, a brother, sona decade or more for them to ramp in-laws, nephew, ex-husband, and up to be able to deliver the care they dear friends have all served. I should be doing; and that's only if was an Air Force wife and I have the funding was available. That's personally experienced and seen the not going to happen, not without a sacrifices our service members and revolution. Think locally-expect to their families make. (That is a topic

community. Reserve judgement Make caring for and honoring a about if they are too poor, too service member or veteran a regular Even occurrence. If you aren't sure how non-US people have served our to start, contact a local veteran's country with great distinction and organization or the VA hospital DESERVE care as a veteran. Save in Loma Linda. They will gladly

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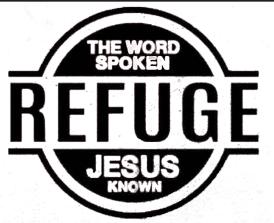
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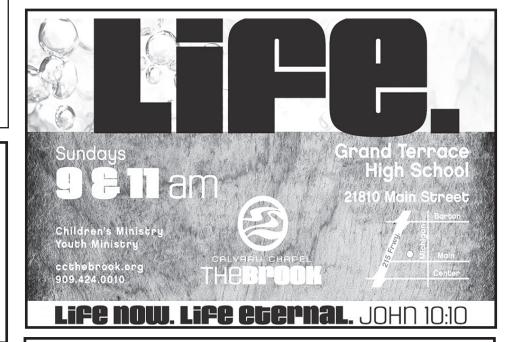
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