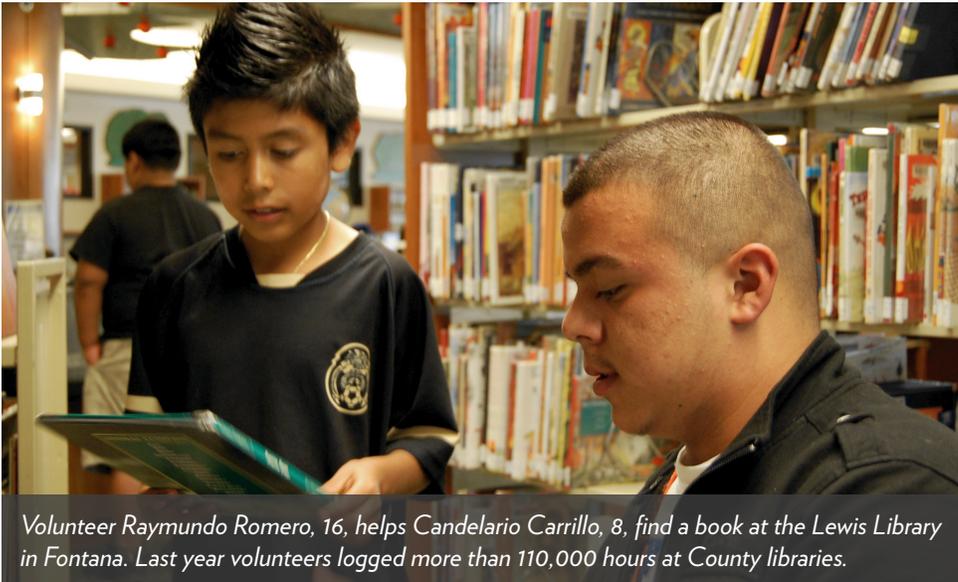


THE RUTHERFORD Report

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Thanksgiving Day comes, by statute, once a year; to the honest man it comes as frequently as the heart of gratitude will allow.

—Edward Sandford Martin

Volunteer Raymundo Romero, 16, helps Candelario Carrillo, 8, find a book at the Lewis Library in Fontana. Last year volunteers logged more than 110,000 hours at County libraries.

Volunteers Crucial to County Library

The San Bernardino County Library operates 31 branches in unincorporated communities and cities throughout the County.

These branch libraries provide residents with access to books, Web-connected computers, family-oriented events, educational programs, tutoring, and much, much more.

Unfortunately, budget constraints have forced the County to reduce some library operating hours, but those cuts

would have been much greater without one of the library system's biggest assets—volunteers.

Last year, volunteers worked more than 110,000 hours in support of our County libraries.

Volunteers do everything from shelving books to helping people learn to read to corralling kids for storytime events. They also form Friends of the Library groups that raise money to support local libraries.

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Fontana Police Chaplain Brought Joy to Many



On Christmas Eve, Roger V. Hurley would put on his Santa Claus suit and visit children in the pediatric ward at Kaiser Hospital in Fontana.

He handed out teddy bears and other trinkets and sang Christmas songs to help bring a little cheer to sick and injured boys and girls who had to spend the holiday in hospital beds.

“It was pretty awesome to see the wonder in their faces,” said Hurley’s daughter, Stephanie Ledford.

Hurley, 63, passed away in August with his family by his side, and while the man who became known as the Singing Santa won’t be around to spread his special brand of Christmas cheer this year, his legacy lives on in the many lives he touched.

“To help people was one of my dad’s biggest joys,” Ledford said.

Hurley moved to Fontana as a teenager. He graduated from Fontana High School and worked at Kaiser Steel for 14 years. After that, he worked at Fontana Unified School District for 20 years.

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“The consistent thing I hear from volunteers, whether they are 89 or 16, is that they love the library,” County Librarian Leonard Hernandez said.

“They love books, they love the environment, and they want to give back to people and to enhance their community,” he added

While the County Library seeks volunteer through various means, such as posts on www.volunteermatch.com, many volunteers simply show up at the front desk of their local library or call asking how they can help.

In the last few years, libraries have seen an increase in the number of unemployed people seeking opportunities to volunteer, Hernandez said.

“They don’t have a job right now, but they want to keep their skills up to date and they want to learn,” he said.

If you are interested in becoming a County Library volunteer, please call (909) 387-5721.

The San Bernardino County Library will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2013. The County Library came into existence on July 14, 1913, when the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution establishing it.

Residents, especially those in far-flung desert and mountain communities, had petitioned the Board to create a County Library. By 1915, the system boasted 24 branches located in drug stores, post offices, hotel lobbies, and homes.

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Hurley’s community service credentials included service with multiple nonprofit organizations including the Fontana YMCA, the Kiwanis Club of Fontana, the American Civil War Society, and the Fontana Unified School District School Attendance and Review Board, which works to help chronically truant students get back on track.

One of Hurley’s proudest moments was when he was sworn in as a volunteer Chaplain with the Fontana Police Department.

Hurley learned about the opportunity from one of his fellow pastors at CrossPointe Community Church in Fontana. As a Police Chaplain, Hurley consoled the families of people killed or injured in accidents or acts of violence.

“It was really a hard burden, especially when it had to do with children passing,” Ledford said.

On the way home from a tragedy, Hurley would often stop by his daughter’s to check on her and his grandchildren.

“My dad would drop everything if someone needed somebody to talk to, but he always made sure there was time for his kids and his wife, too,” Ledford said.

Hurley is survived by his wife, Carol, his son, Shawn Hurley of Alta Loma, his two daughters, Heather Hanning of Riverside and Stephanie Ledford of Highland, his mother, Jean Hurley of Ventura, his brother, James Hurley of Alameda, his two sisters, Nancy McClure of Ventura and Lisa Friedman of Studio City, and nine grandchildren.

Rural Residents Receive Bills for Fire “Fee”

Last month, thousands of San Bernardino County residents who live in rural areas received bills for the so-called “California Fire Prevention Fee.”

This \$150-per-habitable-structure “fee” applies to residents who own property in State Responsibility Areas (SRA).

Most unincorporated communities in the County are considered to be within an SRA even if they are already served by a local fire agency and aren’t even close to a California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection station.

My fellow Supervisors and I, and countless other local elected leaders across the State have opposed this fee,

which was called a “fee” because the Legislature couldn’t meet the 2/3rd vote requirement for a new tax. Sacramento has pressed ahead with the fee’s implementation despite local opposition.

Thankfully, the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association has filed a lawsuit challenging the legality of the fire tax, and if the lawsuit is successful, residents could receive refunds.

Residents should file a petition of redetermination with three State agencies to protest the fee. Residents can find information and documents needed to file this petition at www.firetaxprotest.org. The State’s official “Fire Prevention Fee Service Center” can be reached at 888-310-6447.

Artisan Loft Features Local Arts, Crafts

Libbi Shorts is living her dream of opening an studio/art gallery/general store in the Second District mountain community of Mt. Baldy.

The Mt. Baldy Artisan Loft, which opened in October, sells coffee, sodas, snacks, and Forest Service Adventure passes along with artwork and crafts such as paintings, jewelry, pottery and scarves all created by local artists.

“There’s nothing like this up here,” said Shorts, who has lived in Mt. Baldy for 7 years. “It’s amazing how wonderfully receptive the community has been.”

The business is located in one of the oldest buildings in the town right next to The Buckhorn Lodge. The rustic cottage with beautiful honey-colored wood paneling was the community’s first post office and was also a bordello during the mountain hamlet’s rowdier days.

Before she moved her art studio to Mt. Baldy, Shorts was creating ornate fused glass artwork in a studio above her husband’s business in Fontana. She sold most of her creations on the Website Etsy—an online marketplace for handmade items.

Shorts has sold her sparkling creations from Australia to Canada and throughout the United States using her Website (www.mtbaldyglassworks.etsy.com), and now she wants to expand her success and help other artists by creating a local venue where they can display and sell their art.

“My dream was to have my studio on the mountain, but there really weren’t many places up here to do that,” she said.

After Shorts found her new location with the help of a local pastor, she realized the building had much more space than she could use on her own, so she began looking for other artists who might be interested in displaying their artwork there.

She posted a request on the Google Group known as the Baldy

Bear Telegraph, and pretty soon her wall space for local artwork was tapped out.

“It’s just amazing how it manifested,” she said. “More people want space, and I am out of space.”

The Mt. Baldy Artisan Loft is just getting its footing now, and Shorts hopes to build the business by catering to tourists’ needs and by hosting regular art events that attract more visitors to the idyllic mountain community.

The shop will host a grand opening on Saturday, Nov. 3.

“People don’t realize how close we are to the communities down the hill,” she said. “We’re only fifteen minutes from the 210 Freeway. It’s the perfect place for snow play or a weekend drive.”

For more information about the Mt. Baldy Artisan Loft visit Shorts' blog at <http://mtbaldyglass1.blogspot.com>.



2nd District Trivia

Last Issue’s Answer: The mountain community of Running Springs was previously known as Hunsaker Flat.

Question: What is the name of San Bernardino County Sheriff who was slain in a rifle duel on May 25, 1861?

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Upcoming Events

November 2, 2012	Rancho Cucamonga Community Services will host a billiards tournament at 1 p.m. at the Senior Center located at 11200 Base Line Road. The cost is \$5. Call (909) 477-2780 for more details.
November 3, 2012	The City of Fontana will host its weekly Farmer's Market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the corner of Sierra Avenue and Arrow Route. There is no cost to attend this event. Call (909) 349-6900 for more information.
November 3, 2012	The Mountain Sunrise Rotary Charity Auction will take place from 1 to 9 p.m. at the Lake Arrowhead Country Club located at 250 Golf Course Road, Lake Arrowhead. Cost is \$30 per person or \$200 for a table. Tickets are available through the Tea Exchange, Lake Arrowhead Country Club or by calling Armand LeSage at (909) 337-3544.
November 8, 2012	The Inland Empire United Way will host an open house from 3 to 6 p.m. at 9625 Hermosa Avenue, Rancho Cucamonga. There is no cost to attend. Call (909) 980-2857 for more details.
November 8, 2012	Supervisor Janice Rutherford will host "Breakfast with your Supervisor" at 7:30 a.m. at Famous Daves, 11470 4th Street Rancho Cucamonga. Cost is \$12 per person. Please RSVP at (909) 387-4836.
November 10, 2012	The 2012 Rancho Cucamonga Founders Day Community Parade will take place from 9:30 a.m. to noon at Victoria Gardens. This is a free family event. Call (909) 919-2658 for more details or visit www.RCpark.com .
November 10, 2012	The Upland Community Service Council will be collecting non-perishable food from 9 a.m. to noon at the Magnolia Recreation Center located at 651 W. 15th Street in Upland. For more information, call Bob Beidle from St. Anthony's Catholic Church at (951) 315-9074.
November 10, 2012	The Tour de Foothills bicycle event will take place from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. This event features multiple bicycle events ranging from a 13-mile ride on the Pacific Electric Trail to a 102-mile ride that traverses the foothill communities. Visit www.tourdefoothills.com for more information.
November 11, 2012	The Fontana Veterans Resource Center will celebrate its grand opening from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 16779 Spring Street, Fontana. There will be a remembrance to celebrate Veterans Day prior to the open house. There is no cost to attend. Call (909) 428-1126 or email admin@veterans4communities.org for more information.
November 11, 2012	The City of Rancho Cucamonga will host a Veterans Day remembrance from noon to 3:30 p.m. at Freedom Courtyard in Central Park at 11200 Base Line Road in Rancho Cucamonga.
November 13, 2012	Rim Family Services will present "What Every Community Member Should Know About Bullying" from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Join other mountain residents in a discussion about current bullying trends, bullying laws, and view a powerful presentation by the Lake Arrowhead Repertory Theatre Company. The event will take place at Mary Putnam Henck Intermediate School, 730 Rhine Road in Lake Arrowhead.
November 14, 2012	The Biane Library in Rancho Cucamonga will host an introductory course aimed at teaching people how to buy and sell on eBay. The two-hour class starts at 6 p.m. Visit or call the Biane Library Tech Center the day of the class to sign up. The library is located at 12505 Cultural Center Drive in the Victoria Gardens Cultural Center. The phone number is (909) 477-2720, ext. 5071.
November 22, 2012	The 5th Annual Upland Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk & 1K Kiddy Trot will take place from 6:30 to 11:30 a.m. at San Antonio Park located between Mountain Avenue and 24th Street. Come get a workout before the big Thanksgiving meal and help raise money for the Upland High School Cross Country Team. Register by Nov. 11 to ensure you get a T-shirt. Call (909) 931-4285 for more information.
November 23-25, 2012	The Lake Arrowhead Classical Ballet Presents "The Nutcracker Suite" at 8 p.m. on Friday, 2:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. on Saturday and one performance on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. The Nutcracker will be performed at the Rim of the World Performing Arts Center, 27400 Highway 18 in Lake Arrowhead. The cost is \$18. Call (909) 336-1359 to purchase tickets or visit http://www.arrowheadballet.org for more information.
November 24, 2012	The Mountain Skies Astronomical Society will host "The Moon, Our Greatest Neighbor" from 7 to 9 p.m. at 27614 Highway 18, Lake Arrowhead. Adult (over 17) tickets are \$7, MSAS member tickets are \$6 and children under the age of 17 cost \$5. Call (909) 336-1699 for more information or visit http://www.mountain-skies.org/ .
November 24, 2012	Lake Gregory Regional Park will host the annual Boat Parade and Tree Lighting Celebration at 4:30 p.m. This event is free to watch and \$25 to participate in the boat parade. Call Regional Parks at (909) 338-0084 for more information.

Dates and times are subject to change without notice. Please contact Supervisor Rutherford's office at (909) 387-4833 if you have any questions or suggestions for the Events Calendar. You can view information about more local events on Supervisor Rutherford's home page at www.sbcounty.gov/rutherford.