

# THE RUTHERFORD Report

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Brave souls jump into Lake Arrowhead's chilly water for the 4th annual PolaRotary Bear Plunge fundraiser. This year's PolaRotary Bear Plunge will take place Saturday, Feb. 2 at the Lake Arrowhead Resort and Spa. Visit [www.PolaRotaryBearPlunge.com](http://www.PolaRotaryBearPlunge.com) for more information.

The difficulties and struggles of today are but the price we must pay for the accomplishments and victories of tomorrow

—William Boetcker

## Program Provides Inmates with New Skills

An award-winning program based at the Glen Helen Rehabilitation Center in San Bernardino helps inmates escape the spiraling cycle of drugs and crime consuming their lives by teaching them the job and coping skills they need to survive on the outside.

"We try to figure out how to transition them back into the community," said Miriam Gomez, director of the Inmate Rehabilitation through Occupational and Development

Systems (InROADS) for the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. "The biggest problem that many of them face is their lack of education," she said. "There is a direct correlation between that and them ending up in here."

Inmates who enter the InROADS program without a high school diploma are required to attend classes and earn their GED while in custody.

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## Longtime Animal Shelter Volunteer Loves Job



After Nancy Wiengenstein retired from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, she searched for something meaningful to do with all of her newfound free time, and she found just what she was looking for as an animal shelter volunteer.

Today, the 63-year-old Rancho Cucamonga resident is one of the longest-serving volunteers at the Upland Animal Shelter.

"I love animals, always have, especially dogs," she said, as she took a break from taking down Christmas decorations

at the shelter. "It's a wonderful experience, and I don't ever plan on leaving here."

Wiengenstein and other shelter volunteers perform a variety of tasks, including cleaning up animal cages, bathing and grooming pets, walking dogs, and helping potential adopters pick the perfect companions.

Wiengenstein said it is important to keep the shelter as clean as possible to ensure potential adopters have a good experience when they visit.

"When you go to a shelter, you don't want to see a big mess," she said. "You want clean cages, clean dogs, and friendly people, and that's what you find here."

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The other difficulty many inmates face is addiction. That's why some inmates shun participation in the InROADS program when they first arrive, but after they sober up, many take advantage of the opportunity to try and better themselves.

"It's really up to them," Gomez said. "They can take advantage of this opportunity and move forward with their lives." (Though some inmates are required by court order to take part in the program.)

In addition to paid social workers and drug counselors, scores of volunteers from Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous come to the jail to help inmates who want to kick their habits.

Many inmates who get sober and earn a GED still lack the skills necessary to land a job when they are released, so the Sheriff's Department partners with Chaffey Adult School, Cal State San Bernardino, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, and the County Department of Workforce Development to offer a variety of occupational training.

Inmates develop skills and gain firsthand experience in trades such as bakery, computer skills, printing,

landscaping, and food preparation. In fact, inmates from the Glen Helen Rehabilitation Center often cook and cater a variety of tasty food and treats for public events hosted by the Sheriff's Department.

"We put them to work and teach them responsibility and how to get along with other people," Gomez said.

Inmates can also attend classes in anger management, parenting, and life skills development.

"Our aim is to teach them to think about the consequences of their actions so they don't end up in here again," Gomez said.

When inmates are close to their release dates, InROADS staff work with their partners to help inmates secure a job, and, if needed, find a place to live when they are back on the outside.

"Many of them have burned so many bridges with family and friends that they don't have any place to go when they leave here," Gomez said.

"We work to find them a stable place where they can live and stay sober."

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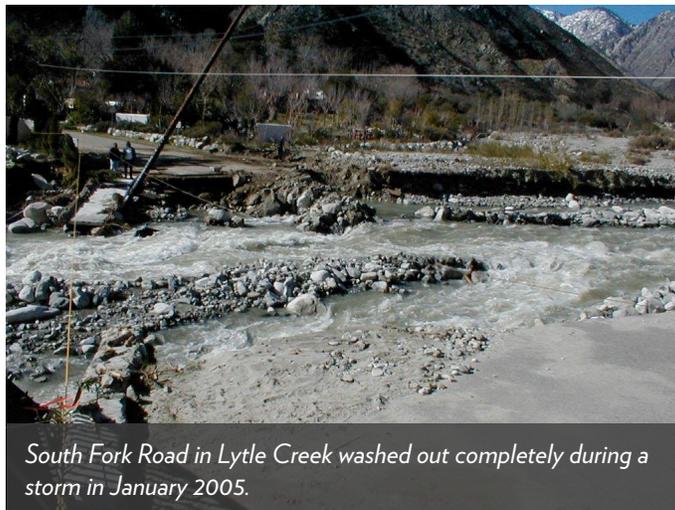
# Project Protects Canyon Road From Floods

In January, construction crews completed the final phase of a project that will protect South Fork Road from being damaged or washed out completely when Lytle Creek is inundated with storm water runoff.

South Fork Road was susceptible to washouts and damage from creek flooding because the metal corrugated pipe that allowed water to flow below the road wasn't able to accommodate large amounts of water and debris during flooding events.

In order to correct this potentially dangerous condition, the San Bernardino County Department of Public Works proposed removing the pipe and replacing it with a concrete bridge panel, which would allow water and debris to more freely pass under the roadway.

The County tried to secure funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to pay for the project but was unsuccessful. Ultimately, the County used funds from voter-approved Proposition 1B to pay for the \$2-million project.



*South Fork Road in Lytle Creek washed out completely during a storm in January 2005.*

The road protection project was started in December 2011 when crews removed the corrugated pipe and installed the bridge panel along with guardrail and fencing.

The second phase of the project focused on protecting the area around the newly installed bridge from erosion.

It included situating concrete and rocks strategically along the creek bank and around the bridge. A large amount of sediment was also removed upstream from the new bridge.

# FBI Supply Is Hometown Hardware Store

In 1966, Charlie Pagano—a former fisherman with a penchant for fixing and building stuff—opened a hardware store in a small trailer along Foothill Boulevard in Fontana.

“There weren’t a lot of choices out here in those days, so he decided to start a hardware store himself,” said Rod Pugh, Pagano’s grandson and Sales Account Manager at Foothill Builders Industrial Supply, a.k.a. Foothill Builders Mart.

The company found one of its first and best clients in the burgeoning Kaiser Steel plant, now operated as California Steel Industries.

“That is what took our business by storm,” Pugh said.

The elder Pagano also dabbled in other business ventures, including a store that sold products to gold prospectors and a car dealership, but he decided to narrow his focus to the hardware store in the 1980s.

When Pagano became too ill to continue managing and operating the business, his son and daughter-in-law, Chuck and Dorae Pagano, took over.

Over the years, Foothill Builders Mart has developed a very loyal customer base thanks to its wide selection and friendly customer service.

“We actually know what people use around here,” Pugh said. “We don’t go off of some market survey. (Big box retailers) might have higher quantities of an item, but if you

need a part for your house that was built in the 1970s, we probably have it.”

In order to compete with large retailers, Foothill Builders has partnered with chains such as ACE Hardware to increase its buying power.

“Everything in terms of management is the same,” Pugh said. “What we are looking for is the best mix for our customers in

terms of selection and price.”

In addition to offering regular customers “belly-to-belly” service, the company has more than 450 business and agency customers, most of which are located in the City of Fontana.

“We understand that our tax dollars stay here in Fontana and help us grow as a community,” Pugh said.

In addition to all of the items you’d find at a traditional hardware store, such as tools, paint, plumbing fixtures, lumber, gardening equipment, lawn care products, etc., Foothill Builders Mart also sells a variety of model trains and model train accessories, pet supplies, and hydroponic growing equipment.

Foothill Builders Mart is located at 15825 Foothill Boulevard. To learn more about this local business visit [www.fbisupply.com](http://www.fbisupply.com).



## 2nd District Trivia

**Last Issue’s Answer:** A lumber mill crew working in what is today Cedar Pines Park chose to call a high spot on the mountain “Job’s Peak” because an ox named Job would often graze there.

**Question:** What did Nobel Prize-winning scientist Albert Michelson accurately measure with the help of Mt. Baldy?

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She also takes and edits photos of animals up for adoption so the pictures can be placed on the Pet Harbor and Pet Finder websites. Her photos are also published in The Daily Bulletin's "Pet of the Week" column.

Volunteers also assist with the annual Yard Sale Fundraiser. The event features tons of donated items for sale, and all of the proceeds go to the shelter. Last year, the event raised about \$9,000, and organizers hope to raise \$12,000 when they host the next event from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Feb. 16 at the shelter.

Upland Animal Shelter volunteers are required to attend an orientation training session before they start working in the shelter. During the class, prospective volunteers learn

tips on how to work with shelter animals, and they also get an idea of what the job entails.

"It's like anything else," Wiengenstein said. "Some of them last and some of them don't. It's the nature of the beast."

Volunteers can select their focus at the shelter, so a person who loves cats can choose to work with felines rather than dogs or vice versa. Volunteers also get to make their own schedules. As for Wiengenstein, she only lives about five minutes from the shelter, so you might find her there even on her "days off."

"If I have a few hours one afternoon, I will run down to the shelter and walk my favorite dogs," she said. "It's good for them, and it's good for me."

## Upcoming Events

February 1	Victoria's Farmers Market will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on South Mainstreet at Victoria Gardens Mall. There is no cost to attend. This even takes place every Friday at the same time and place. Please visit <a href="http://www.victoriagardensie.com">www.victoriagardensie.com</a> for more information.
February 2	The Rotary Club of Lake Arrowhead will host the 5th annual Polarotary Bear Plunge from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Lake Arrowhead Resort and Spa. Come watch as residents jump into the chilly lake to raise money for various mountain charities. Visit <a href="http://polarotarybearplunge.com/home.html">http://polarotarybearplunge.com/home.html</a> for more information.
February 2	The Lewis Family Playhouse presents "Aladdin's Luck" with two showtimes at 1 and 4 p.m. at 12505 Cultural Center Drive Rancho Cucamonga, CA. General admission is \$16 and \$14 for youth. For more information please call (909) 477-2752 or visit <a href="http://www.lewisfamilyplayhouse.com/">http://www.lewisfamilyplayhouse.com/</a> .
February 5	The Fontana Lewis Library & Technology Center will host "Emphasis Art" every Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. The Fontana Lewis Library & Technology Center is located at 8437 Sierra Avenue in Fontana. There is no cost to attend. Call (909) 574-4500 for more information.
February 6	The Lewis Library & Technology Center will host "Toddler Boot Camp" every Wednesday at 6 p.m. This event aims to help toddlers learn balance through physical exercises. The Lewis Library & Technology Center is located at 8437 Sierra Avenue in Fontana. There is no cost to attend. Call (909) 574-4500 for more information.
February 8	Center Stage Theatre will host "Happy Days: A New Musical" beginning at 7:30 p.m. Center Stage is located at 8463 Sierra Avenue in Fontana. Call (909) 429-7469 for information about ticket prices.
February 9	The Rancho Cucamonga Animal Center will host a volunteer orientation session starting at 9:30 a.m. Space is limited. Call (909) 466-7387 ext. 2075 for more information.
February 15	The Lewis Family Playhouse presents "Ticket to Ride: A Beatles Tribute" beginning at 7:30 p.m. The theater is located at 12505 Cultural Center Drive Rancho Cucamonga, CA. Cost for general admittance is \$39, \$29 for seniors, students, and military and \$19 for children under 12. For more information please call (909) 477-2752 or visit <a href="http://www.lewisfamilyplayhouse.com">http://www.lewisfamilyplayhouse.com</a> .
February 16	The Upland Animal Shelter will host its annual yard sale fundraiser from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the shelter located at 1275 San Bernardino Road in Upland. Call (909) 931-4185 for information about how to participate as a yard sale vendor.
February 21	The St. Bernardine Health Fair will take place from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Lake Arrowhead Village. Call (855) 435-8378 or visit <a href="http://www.dignityhealthfair.com">www.dignityhealthfair.com</a> to schedule an appointment and learn about examination costs and packages.
February 21	The Crestline Library hosts a free yoga class every Monday and Wednesday at noon. Stop by the library overlooking Lake Gregory to stretch out your tension.
February 24	Residents can get free help with their federal and state tax returns at the Crestline Library from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
February 25	The City of Rancho Cucamonga will host a free spay or neutering event for owners of roaming cats. Residents can have up to three cats altered. Appointments are required. Call (909) 466-7387 ext. 2075 to schedule an appointment.

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](http://www.sbcounty.gov/rutherford).