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Homicide detectives investigating fatal shooting off Hesperia Road

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San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department deputies process the scene of a fatal shooting that took place early Thursday morning off Hesperia Road. [Submitted photo]

VICTORVILLE — A stretch of Hesperia Road and C Street were closed for more than 11 hours as authorities investigated a fatal shooting that occurred early Thursday morning.

San Bernardino County Sheriff's Victorville Station deputies responded to a report of shots heard in the 15500 block of Hesperia Road at 1:21 a.m. and found a man suffering from apparent gunshot wounds, authorities said.

San Bernardino County Fire Department personnel arrived and the man, whose name is being withheld pending notification of family, was pronounced dead at the scene, according to authorities.

Investigators from the Specialized Investigations Division, Homicide Detail are conducting the investigation.

Hard closures were placed on Hesperia Road, between D and B streets, and for C Street, between Eighth Street and Hesperia Road, according to City of Victorville officials. They were lifted at approximately 12:10 p.m.

Investigators are asking anyone who may have been in or around the area at the time of the shooting to contact Detective Nick Hartleben or Sgt. John Gaffney at 909-387-3589. Callers wishing to remain anonymous may call the We-Tip Hotline at 1-800-782-7463 or visit www.wetip.com.

<http://www.vvdailypress.com/news/20170629/homicide-detectives-investigating-fatal-shooting-off-hesperia-road>

Another Rescue at Aztec Falls

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A day of fun in the sun and water at Aztec Falls quickly turned into a serious situation at 9:45 a.m. on June 24 when a 19-year-old jumped off a cliff and was injured when he plunged into the cold waters of Deep Creek.

The teenage boy, Austin Shelton of Diamond Bar, sustained injuries when he jumped from a rock-faced wall into the water. His injuries were not life threatening, but he was unable to hike out of the area on his own.

San Bernardino County Fire Dispatch sent an ambulance to the scene, and then requested that San Bernardino County Sheriff's Aviation fly to the Aztec Falls area for a hoist rescue of the fall victim.

Sheriff's Air Rescue 306, piloted by Corporal Jon Anderson, responded to the scene. An air medic, Dr. Jeff Grange, M.D., was lowered 140 feet down to the victim. Shelton was placed into a rescue harness and hoisted up to the helicopter where Deputy Chris Mejia, crew chief, was standing by to assist. The helicopter crew then flew Shelton to Mountains Community Hospital in Lake Arrowhead for treatment of his injuries.

http://www.mountain-news.com/news/article_1b927236-5c5a-11e7-9e3f-7bff40456ceb.html

Bloomington brush fire to blame for Cedar Avenue traffic backup

Doug Saunders, The Sun

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Courtesy of the San Bernardino Fire Department

BLOOMINGTON >> Firefighters quickly knocked down a small brush fire that erupted south of the 10 Freeway on Cedar Avenue Thursday forcing traffic to slow down in both directions.

Shortly before 4:30 p.m. the fire was reported in a field near Jurupa and Cedar avenues. The first firefighters on scene called out a second alarm to bring more resources in to assist in firefighting efforts.

The fire, dubbed the Cedar fire, is holding at 5 acres and the forward rate of spread has been stopped, fire officials said.

Rialto and Colton fire departments are assisting San Bernardino County firefighters. No structures are threatened, county fire spokesman Eric Sherwin said.

Motorists trying to pass through drove over the fire hoses stretched out across the street, so California Highway Patrol and San Bernardino County sheriff's deputies were called in to assist firefighters with traffic control, according to the CHP traffic logs.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

<http://www.sbsun.com/general-news/20170629/bloomington-brush-fire-to-blame-for-cedar-avenue-traffic-backup>

Mountain Hardware Thanks Customers

Michael Palecki, Mountaineer Progress

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Celebrating the 54th year in business- Mike Troeger owner of Mountain Hardware- once again hosted his Customer Appreciation Party for the 17th year with a free concert, hot dogs and beverages for all. It was a warm afternoon last Friday, and while the audience initially was content to enjoy a narrow band of shade in the parking lot, the aroma of barbecued hot dogs soon stimulated appetites and produced a long line for the entrée, prepared by **San Bernardino County Fire** Explorers from Post 351. As the band “Bitter Honey” powered through a whopping set of 30 songs, many returned for second portions of those delicious hot dogs.

Band members included Kim Fink on lead vocals, kazoo and percussions, Craig Fink on double neck 12 and six string guitar, acoustic and electric guitars and vocals, Marina Paradise on electric bass guitar and vocals, and Jim McCoin playing drums. With the expansive song list, there was plenty of variety and the opportunity for Kim to sing multiple songs by the same artists.

During the concert, there would be three Fleetwood Mac Songs with the emotions and vocal harmonies best on “Gold Dust Woman.” Likewise for Creedence Clearwater Revival with Kim on tambourine and good vocal harmonies for “Proud Mary.” There were also multiple songs from Elvis, Johnny Cash, and the Eagles.

Interesting combination of songs arranged by Kim included “Sweet Child Of Mine” by Guns N’ Roses” with Prince’s “Purple Rain.” Dedicated to drummer Jim McCoin who is soon to be married, Kim bantered with the certainty and then the uncertainty of Prince singing, “Honey, I don’t want to be your weekend lover.” Another great combination was “Stuck In The Middle With You” by Stealers Wheel mixes with Sheryl Crow’s “Al I Wanna Do...is have some fun until the sun comes up on Santa Monica Boulevard.”

And then for medleys that went beyond what the audience expected, power vocals from Kim and Craig slidin’ on acoustic guitar for Elvis’ “Jailhouse Rock” and “Blue Suede Shoes” had the audience dancing when the song then morphed into Bob Seger’s “Old Time Rock & Roll.”

All in all, Bitter Honey performed a musical journey down memory lane that resinated with the audience in 30 songs that everybody remembered from a certain time and place. Thank you Mike Troeger for appreciating your customers on a wonderful afternoon under blue skies in Wrightwood.

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Green Waste event helps reduce fire fuels within community

Program cited in support of inmate hand crews

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At the June 20th meeting of the Wrightwood Fire Safe Council (FSC), John Aziz reported on the results of the Tri-Community Pine Needle and Green Waste Drop-off event. In its 11th year, the event drew an average 121 loads per day, for a total of 968 loads of needles and branches, or 207 tons of possible wildfire fuels.

During the past three years, CR&R Environmental Services, one of WFSC's partners in the green waste recycling program, has donated driver hours to take the collection containers to Mountain High. There, the green waste and needles are used as erosion control on the ski slopes.

Ben Smith, of Mt. High and WFSC, commented, "The pine needles lock together and tend to hold up longer than the compost "sausages" that have traditionally been used." This symbiotic relationship between Mt. High and WFSC benefits the ski resort in receiving free erosion control, and Green Waste program in providing an alternative to dump fees. CR&R's Brent Speers donates approximately \$6,000 worth of manpower and transportation to the project. For CR&R, 1,360 cubic yards of green waste was redirected from the landfill this year alone.

In 11 years, the program boasts an impressive 3,422,060 pounds of green waste and pine needles collected from the participating community members. Their generous donations as they drive in with loads of debris, help pay for sandwiches (provided to the two evening work crews), drinks for the crews, the porta-potty, pitchforks and other necessities during the week-long event. Inmate fire crews from Cal Fire and **County Fire** camps are vital to the program's success. Last week the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to restore funding for inmate fire crews in the coming fiscal year. According to a press release from Supervisor Lovingood's office; In May, Board Chairman Lovingood underscored the value of the inmate crews. During the Board's June 13 budget hearing, Chairman Lovingood again spoke out in support of the crews.

In 2016, inmate crews responded to 738 emergency calls, with that number expected to top 1,000 calls this year. Inmate crews also logged 10,560 hours of work in Victorville, Hesperia, San Bernardino, Needles and unincorporated County areas, including chipping operations in Wrightwood and illegal dumping operations throughout the High Desert.

"Inmate crews logged 84,894 hours last year, saving taxpayers more than \$2 million," Lovingood said. "These crews spent nine days on the Blue Cut Fire and helped collect 578 tons of trash around the High Desert. Clearly, this is an outstanding program that is making a major impact on our communities."

SB County Code Enforcement had agreed to begin inspections the day after the Drop-off event ended. Although miscommunication lead to some warnings being issued to property owners while they were clearing debris to take to the drop-off site, officials from Code Enforcement agreed to dismiss any violations recorded before the end of the green waste event.

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