

The BEAR FACTS

Deputy Rosa Enjoys Patrolling the Mountain Community

by Rachael M. Gustuson



Deputy Rosa with her patrol car (photo by Rachael Gustuson)

Deputy Alisha Rosa is a Forest Falls favorite. She quickly earned a name for herself in the mountain community for being responsive and caring, all while effectively enforcing the laws in the mountain community. Rosa graduated from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department (SBCSD) Academy in 2000 and started her current post at the Yucaipa Police Station in 2016. Prior to that, she worked in corrections, patrol at the Rancho Cucamonga Station and the transportation division.

Rosa didn't always see herself in law enforcement. "I did not envision myself being a law enforcement officer," Rosa said. "I was very interested in the medical field and wanted to be a Physician's Assistant. My sister, who recently retired from SBCSD, sparked my interest in becoming a deputy. I was able to see how she positively affected so many lives in the city of Highland, and I admired that." Naturally, Rosa went into law enforcement.

Her training background is diverse. She is currently an active deputy and is bicycle patrol trained, which she loves. She also earned crisis intervention training, which helped her immensely when dealing with mentally ill individuals.

As a Quality of Life deputy at the Yucaipa Police Station, her primary duties include working with homeless individuals in Yucaipa, conducting ABC compliance checks, and implementing the Crime Free Multi-Housing program.

Yucaipa Police Lieutenant Julie Brumm-Landen said Rosa is an asset to the community. "Alisha is a hard worker and dedicated deputy," she said. "She is a great mentor and her ability to stay

positive when things are tough is amazing to me. She truly cares about the community she works in."

"The best thing about my job is being able to impact people from many walks of life," said Rosa. "I feel like I was placed in this career to make a small difference in the lives of the people I come in contact with. I love talking to people. There is so much to learn from one another. Additionally, I enjoy that each day is different."

Of the Forest Falls, Angelus Oaks and Mountain Home Village communities, Rosa said she especially enjoys patrolling the unincorporated area of Forest Falls.

"I spent the majority of my childhood in Oregon," said Rosa. "My mother and I would spend time in the forest as often as possible. The community of Forest Falls reminds me of my hometown. I love interacting with the people of Forest Falls and getting to know the community. Forest Falls is so unique and the residents make me feel like a part of their family."

Rosa said it is her hope to maintain the balance between people going up to the mountains for recreation,

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Deputy Rosa in Forest Falls (photo by Rachael Gustuson)

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President's Message

by Debi Welch



Hello Friends and Neighbors! I hope you have been enjoying the incredible Yucca bloom we've been having this year. It's amazing the things we've seen since the fire cleared the area beyond highway 38, that we never knew were there. Purple and yellow flowers and a spring or two I had no idea were there.

As Spring fades into Summer, we are reminded that our jobs as stewards of this beautiful place we call home, is to make

our properties as fire safe and defensible as possible. Please use a fresh eye to walk around your property and define what needs to be done to establish defensible space. This can mean removing combustible materials, plant-based or otherwise, or simply taking away any debris that may have accumulated throughout the year.

With all the new folks in town, I'd like to encourage you to meet your neighbors, we're a friendly lot and in a natural disaster, IE: flood, earthquake or fire, they are your first resource.

Mountain C.A.R.E. has a welcome packet with many additional resources on our website (www.mtnicare.com) for all new folks who come into town. You are welcome to download it online or pick up at either of the real estate offices. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out to me at debi@forestfalls.com.

Canyon Clean-Up's 31st Anniversary

by Terry Hamilton and John Ruble, Mountain Care Canyon Cleanup Coordinators

Mountain C.A.R.E. Canyon Clean Up 2021 thanks the many volunteers who made this year's event a success. This includes the monitors at the various collection centers in the canyon: Jake and Nicole Adams, Kurt Arend, Matt Bottenberg, Carol Burgess, David Dickenson, Bernadette Griffith, Jan Skinner Horton, Micah Kiter, Alan Lloyd, Tom McIntosh, Tori Vanderford, Debi Welch and Amy and Jesse Westover. To all who participated by filling the bins, removing graffiti, picking up trash, and donating E-Waste at the school, your efforts are appreciated.

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and the residents being able to live peacefully. “This can become difficult, especially during the winter months,” she said regarding the illegal parking and trespassing of some “flatlanders.”

Rosa’s primary duties in Forest Falls are to ensure the safety of both the residents and visitors. “This includes educating people about the dangers that exist in the wilderness,” she said. “Additionally, I try to enforce laws that are designed to keep the peace and safety of the community. These include, but are not limited to, trespassing issues, parking issues and illegal activities. Fortunately, the Board of Supervisors has recognized the need for additional enforcement in the mountain communities of Forest Falls, Angelus Oaks and Mountain Home Village. They have funded additional deputies on the weekends at least through the summer.”

San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department reminds visitors that besides the marked recreation and trail-heads, the large majority of Forest Falls is private property. “If the public areas are full, they need to go elsewhere,” said Rosa. “These areas are designed to accommodate a certain amount of people for specific reasons (natural disasters, maintaining forest integrity, etc.). Additionally, Forest Falls is a beautiful area, largely due to the wonderful residents who take it upon themselves to clean up trash left behind by visitors. It is disheartening to see how disrespectful some visitors can be by not packing out their trash and not respecting the forest land.”

If you see Rosa patrolling the mountain community, give her a shout out and a big “thank you.”



Deputy Rosa in Forest Falls (photo by Rachael Gustuson)

Plants that Offer Color and (Probably) Won’t Get Eaten

by the Frozen Green Thumb Garden Club

Perennial Salvia, commonly known as sage, is part of the mint family. This is a real positive for us because our local critters don’t ‘typically’ eat mint. Many have a spike flower shape and attracts bees, butterflies and hummingbirds. They are drought tolerant (once established), handle sun, partial shade and come in many colors.

Some Salvia are considered annuals and cannot handle our cold winters. I picked up a couple of these at a big box store and well ... I’ll hope for the best. Next time I’ll be sure and select a Salvia, or sage, that is rated for zone 8 in lower canyon and zone 7 in upper canyon. You can deadhead the spent blooms during the growing season to encourage another bloom and then let them “winter-over” ... meaning you do not need to cut their stems in the fall, but leave until new growth begins at the base in the spring. Letting your plants winter-over can add interest to a winter garden, provide places for birds to alight and save on yard work until the spring.

Here are a few western natives that can handle our well-drained soil, low water and maintenance:

- **Creeping Sage**, *salvia sonomensis*, works great on slopes and in rock gardens. It has violet blue flowers and green leaves.
- **Desert Sage**, *salvia dorrii*, likes good drainage, has blue flowers and light gray leaves.
- **Blue Sage/Mountain Desert Sage**, *salvia pachyphylla*, with blue-violet flowers and light gray leaves.
- **Rose Sage**, *salvia eremostachya*, has gray-green leaves and pink blooms. This is my personal favorite first seen in Big Bear.

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Change in the Weather?

by Tom McIntosh

Are you aware that SoCal Edison has installed weather stations throughout Southern California, using the data to schedule power outages ahead of or during High Fire hazards? I remember when internet weather for Forest Falls was the Redlands Airport and for Big Bear Lake was the Daggett airport in the desert near Barstow. These SCE weather stations provide real time weather unlike we have ever had.

Here are some links you can use...

Forest Falls, Mill Creek Crossing:

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Mountain Home Village, lower Kilkare:

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Angelus Oaks near the Country Store:

https://mesowest.utah.edu/cgi-bin/droman/meso_base_dyn.cgi?stn=E9887

Fallsvale School

by Summer Westover



Summer Westover

Fallsvale school has been very patient during this virus, doing everything possible to keep all of the students educated and safe. Toward the middle of April, all students attending Fallsvale were given the option to come back to school five days a week. The teachers are continuing to make sure that the students keep their distance, wear their masks, and keep themselves sanitized. Overall, the staff, students and parents

are grateful that this opportunity was given to Fallsvale. Unlike so many other schools, our school year can be finished out in person.

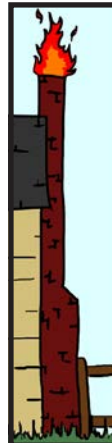


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Pastor Anthony and Cindy Martinez were both natives of Orange California before moving to Angelus Oaks. High school sweethearts, celebrating 40 years of marriage, they have raised five adult children and 10 grandchildren. Anthony was an associate pastor in Fullerton but over the years, they have served their faith and their communities in a number of ways. They

have led anger management groups, and held marriage classes and counseling. They have coordinated both men's and women's ministries, a prison ministry and lead missions in several countries. They are also certified domestic violence counselors.

Their greatest desire has always been to live in the mountains and possibly start a church. So, after moving to the Angelus Oaks community, it seemed like the sign they had been waiting for when they saw a post on Facebook inquiring about a mid-week Bible study group. On June 5th, 2019 they held their first mid-week Bible study meeting. It was at one of those sessions that they met Brandon and Sally Williamson, along with their two boys Ethan and Eric.

Brandon and Sally have grown to love the mountain community and are glad to have the opportunity to worship together in Angelus Oaks. Having grown up in Yucaipa, they lived in Beaumont and worked in Redlands while worshipping with church family



The Williamson family

down the hill. They've been married for 15 years and for most of that time served as coordinators of a children's ministry and lead worship songs for the church family. They took a year away from children's ministry to work out of the country and moved to Mozambique Africa. There, they served as school teachers for the ministry team. After they returned, they moved up the mountain inspired by God's beautiful scenery, and having met the Martinez's, they became excited to see the potential for worship in the community.

It was from the shared vision of the Martinez's and the Williamson's that the Oaks Family Worship was born. Their first service was January 5, 2020, exactly 6 months from the date of their first Bible study.

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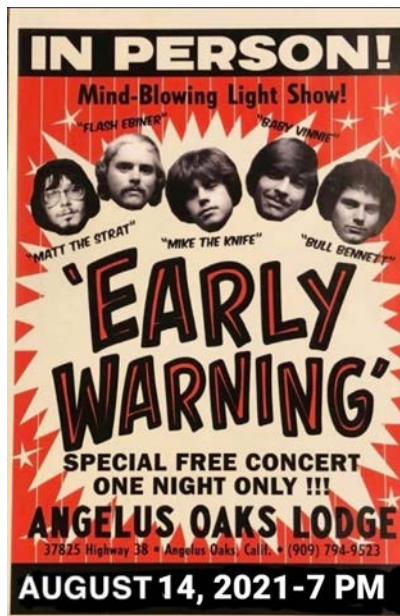
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Flashovers

by Tom McIntosh



Firefighters protect homes above Canyon Dr. during the El Dorado Fire
(photo by David Russell)

2020 Alarm Review. Our San Bernardino County Fire, Forest Falls Station 99 experienced a reduction in alarms during the 2020 Covid-19 year, but put in many more hours than typical on even a busy year due to the El Dorado Fire. I will explain later, but here is the breakdown with a bit more commentary on just what some of these call types mean to you and the firefighters and why, in some cases there was such a difference from recent years passed. In 2020 Station 99 was dispatched to a total of 251 requests for service, broken down as follows; **Medical Aid**, 75 alarms with 10 being outside Forest Falls or Mountain Home Village, 30% of call volume. The typical yearly average runs around 45% of call volume, this 15% decrease could be attributed to both COVID (people seem to be reluctant to go to the hospital) and that we are not dispatched as often into Area 98, Angelus Oaks, as Medic Engine 9 (ME9) out of Mentone is routinely on these alarms.

Rescue, 11 or 4% of calls with 4 at Big Falls of which 1 was hoisted by Sheriff/Fire Air Rescue helicopter. Even with the upper reach of Big Falls remaining closed there are still many who violate the closure, a small amount becoming injured to the extent that they require rescue.

Traffic Collision, 23 or 9% of calls (47 in 2019) involving 13 TI (with injuries), 3 TO (over the side) 4 TE (requiring extrication) and 3 TN (non-injury). When considering the amount of medical intervention conducted TC's would add 20 due to injuries.

Fire, 61 or 24% of calls with 4 FS (structure or house) which can include something as simple as fire on the stove top or a chimney fire to a fully involved structure and may or may not include injuries. 25 FG (grass or vegetation - forest) from a small spot to the large El Dorado event our responses included Forest Falls, Mountain Home Village, Barton Flats, Mentone and Redlands. 11 FV (fire vehicle) if a vehicle fire includes a person within the vehicle the call type changes to a TF (traffic collision w/fire). 21 illegal burns, persons with un-permitted/un-lawful warming/cooking fires/bbq's. Reminder, open outside fires in our communities can ONLY be fueled by propane or stove gas, no wood, charcoal, etc. This applies 24/7/365.

The average alarm lasts 1 to 1.5 hours with vegetation fires more often taking 8-12 hours. The **El Dorado Fire** consumed

1,356 firefighter hours from the Station 99 crew as most worked 12on/12off (while being on immediate call back, i.e. generally remaining at the station or nearby home when not on an apparatus) for the duration of the fire.

Public Service, 10 or 3% of calls may include a Lift Assist (helping someone uninjured off the floor, re-entry into a structure if locked out in inclement weather, child locked in a car).

IN, OI, CA and Zap, 21 or 19% of calls. Inside Investigation, 9 (such as a smoke or CO alarm ringing without fire or injury, smell of smoke with no fire). Outside Investigation, 21, this includes smell of smoke with no fire, propane smell, wires down. We have a cabin in MHV whose chimney smoke routinely wafts up through a giant oak tree, which when seen from HWY 38, makes it look like the tree is on fire. These types of calls, when unfounded, are often labeled "good intent" calls as the caller had a reasonable belief there was a real issue to be addressed. Commercial Alarm, 4, (3 of which occurred at Loch Leven Conference Center... Why? Power goes out = batteries in alarm box die = alarm activates. Zap or downed electrical lines, 4. Often times these calls that start as a ZAP turn out to be cable or phone lines with no danger, changing the call type to an Outside Investigation.

Canceled En-route, as goes the Fire Service, most often resources are dispatched in anticipation of needs until such time as the first arriving engine can determine if the calvary is needed, and when they are not, units are canceled en-route. This happened 51 times to Station 99 equipment in 2020 as we responded into other areas such as Angelus Oaks and Mentone.

Kudos again to the **Sheriff's Department** and **CHP** for a great job of controlling an ever increasing hoard of tourists who, again this winter, would have overwhelmed the community most every weekend and holiday. We do however walk a tight line between controlling tourist access and making sure the restrictions do not become so heavy that our local store and cafe suffer from a lack of sales. Many remember when both were closed for almost 3 years. It was not pretty. Again, thanks to local law enforcement as we know they would let tourists pass into the community if they stated their desire to visit a local business. Unfortunately, many turn around, being afraid to pull up to a road block and speak directly to the authorities.



El Dorado Fire, Forest Falls, CA (photo by David Russell)

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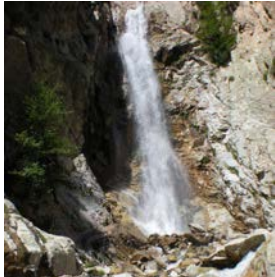
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Forest Reopenings

by Danielle Tremba

Since Covid-19 shut down many businesses for most of 2020 and into 2021, residents and visitors flocked to the mountains for a much needed respite.



Big Falls

(photo by Danielle Tremba)

Enjoying the fresh air, beautiful scenery, and the added benefit of outdoor physical activity after months of quarantine, was top of mind for many Southern Californians. Our mountains became

the new amusement parks as families rediscovered nature in an attempt to find alternate entertainment. Unfortunately, the El Dorado Fire left many recreation areas and trail-heads closed, leaving us with even fewer options for safe, outdoor entertainment.

We've all been patiently (and some of us impatiently) waiting for the time when we can visit our beloved forests again. While the wait did seem like an eternity, the wilderness is slowly reopening to locals and tourists alike, a welcome boost for our local businesses. As we start to explore our big backyard again, please do so with appreciation for the many people and agencies who worked diligently for months to make these areas safe for us again.

Here is a list of current reopenings* according to the San Geronio Wilderness Association and US Forest Service:

- Big Falls Picnic Area
- Big Falls Trail
- Vivian Creek Trail
- South Fork
- Lost Creek
- Aspen Grove
- Fish Creek

Many areas still remain closed including San Bernardino Peak, Forsee Creek, Momyer trail-heads, areas north of Jenks Lake Road to Glass Road, portions of the Santa Ana River Trail, Ponderosa Trail, Whispering Pines Trail, Thurman Flats picnic area (and general area) and Yucaipa ridge.

For a map of current closures please visit <https://sgwa.org/el-dorado-re-opening-maps/>

* This article is based off of the most recent 4/23/2021 update from the US Forest Service regarding reopenings . For updated info visit:

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California Black Bear Policy

by Jeff Schaefer

Bad things happen when black bears lose their natural fear of humans. While property damage can be unfortunate, and it might be scary for some to see bears on their property, the saddest scenario is when such bears are euthanized (killed). Unfortunately, this sad outcome takes place many times every year in California. Black bears who have lost their natural fear of humans are legally killed when the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) issues a depredation permit in accordance with Fish and Game Code; Section 4181, 1801, and 1802. During the past 10 years, CDFS issued more than 2,500 depredation permits in California (state wide), with nearly 900 bears killed. In 2014 alone, 450 depredation permits were issued, with almost 150 bears killed. It's important to understand that so-called "problem bears" are almost never relocated anymore. A CDFW biologist explained to me recently that in California there is really no good place in which to relocate problem bears to, as they simply become someone else's problem. Consequently, a frequent course of action is the issuance of a depredation permit – to kill the problem bear(s).

The solution to this unfortunate scenario is to prevent it from the beginning. This means we need to do whatever it takes to prevent bears from losing their natural fear of humans. And the most frequent way in which bears lose their fear of us is when they learn they can approach our homes, vehicles, campgrounds and picnic areas to get food. Consequently, we need to do whatever it takes to prevent bears from obtaining food from us – either through our intentional or unintentional actions.

Rather than listing specific tips here, we simply ask that you use your good judgment to figure out what you need to do to ensure bears are never successful in getting food from your home or your car, or accessing your household garbage anywhere on your property. Remember to feed a bear is literally, even if indirectly, to kill it.



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Keri-Leigh Henderson) It's important for those of us who are familiar with the issues to help inform our new neighbors. Towards that end, Mountain C.A.R.E. has welcome packets for new residents that include bear-related information and tips. The packets are distributed through our local realtors, but we can't reach everyone this way. We hope you will help, too, if and when you see the need to inform those who may not understand the implications of their actions or inactions. Your help will likely save a bear's life.

Resources: <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Keep-Me-Wild>
<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Mammals/Black-Bear/Depredation>
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*** Please contact the organizer to determine if there are any Covid-related restrictions or changes in schedules.***

Summer 2021 Special Events

Date/Time	Event	Location	Details
June 8 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Fallsvale School Craft & Bake Sale	Big Falls Lodge	Questions? Call 951-544-6161
July 6 7:30 AM - 11:00 AM	SAR Pancake Breakfast	Big Falls Lodge	Adult breakfast: \$5 / Children 15 and under: \$2 / and of course, the RAFFLE!
July 9 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Visit from Assemblyman Thurston Smith	Big Falls Lodge	Assemblyman Smith (replacement to Obernolte) will visit to meet with residents.
July 24 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM	3rd Annual Mountain Jamboree	Big Falls Lodge	Join the fun with live music, raffle, craft fair, kid's games and great food.
August 14 7:00 PM	Early Warning Concert	Angelus Oaks Lodge	band "Early Warning"'s 8th Annual Reunion FREE show, bring your chairs
August 31	3 Mile Garage Sale	Forest Falls, throughout town	If you want to sell, call Dee Konczal at 909-794-0885. Labor Day Weekend.
August 31 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Firefighter Neighborhood Dinner	Big Falls Lodge	Chicken: \$8 or Steak: \$10 / kids \$6 and everyone gets Ice Cream!

Regularly Scheduled Events

Event	When	Location	Details
Explorer Post 128	2nd and 3rd Thurs. and 3rd Sat. @ 6 PM	Forest Falls Fire Station	New Explorers are welcome! Call 909-794-4413 to leave a message.
Valley of the Falls Search and Rescue	2nd Mon. of the month 7 PM - 8 PM	Forest Falls Sheriff's Station	Contact: Forest Falls Sheriff Sub-Station at 909-389-2435
Frozen Green Thumb Garden Club	3rd Mon. every month 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Location varies.	All welcome. Call Sandy Wood 951-440-1461 for this month's location.
Forest Falls Fire Department Meeting	Every Tuesday 6:30 PM	Forest Falls Fire Station	Call 909-794-4413 for more information
Valley of the Falls Community Church Youth Group	Every Wednesday 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Valley of the Falls Community Church	Ages 12 to 18.
Angelus Oaks Fire Department Meeting	2nd and 4th Tues. every month @ 6 PM	Angelus Oaks Fire Station	
Angelus Oaks Fire Safety Council	Council meets periodically	Angelus Oaks	For meeting dates, check A.O. FSC Bulletin Board @the A.O. Post Office.
The Needlers Knitting Group	Every Tuesday 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM	7th Day Adventist Church, Forest Falls	All are welcome. For more info call Denise Reid at 909-794-5130.
Mill Creek Canyon C.E.R.T.	TBD	TBD	Call Paul Tetreault 909-794-0077 to get on waiting list for new courses.
Music Night in Forest Falls	Every Tuesday 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Big Falls Lodge	All musicians, all styles, all levels welcome. Anyone can come listen.



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Our vision is to:

Encourage the community to recycle, reduce, and re-use;
enhance knowledge and love of the area;
and show we care by keeping personal property and
community areas clean and beautiful.

Your Subscription, Contribution, or Participation with Mountain C.A.R.E. helps to support the education and environmental work we do in the communities of Forest Falls, Angelus Oaks, and Mountain Home Village. It helps to create this Bear Facts newsletter which keeps our communities up to date on local events and important issues. We are a volunteer non-profit organization. All donations are tax-deductible as permitted by law and gratefully appreciated. Your donations keep this publication and all Mountain C.A.R.E. activities going strong. Thank you for all your support!

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