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Route 66 Rendezvous



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The city of Redlands had multiple ceremonies in honor of 9/11 including a large memorial ceremony at the Redlands Bowl.

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College celebrates
40 years



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Community remembers and reflects on 9/11 anniversary

By Najma Ford

The Redlands Bowl has hosted many events but few with as much impact as the 9/11 anniversary ceremony.

Before it began the bowl was filled with people eager to mark the occasion. The bowl stage was filled with the Redlands Fourth of July Band who played traditional and patriotic American songs.

Once the ceremony began the stage also filled with local elected

officials from the city and county as well as clergy and other speakers.

"The significance of this day is growing rather than diminishing," said Kasey Haws, co-chair of the September 11 Remembrance Committee.

The event remembered people like Melissa Barnes who was from Redlands and died that day at the Pentagon. It also remembered all of those who perished in New York and Pennsylvania as well as soldiers who are fighting in

Afghanistan.

The official theme of the event was "Remembrance, Reflection and Renewal," but within that theme each of the speakers spoke about the importance of not letting the impact of the event bring out the worst in ourselves but the best.

Redlands Fire Chief Jeff Frazier was at Ground Zero 24 hours after the event. He said the recovery effort was overwhelming but the

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Tea party helps students ready for school

By Najma Ford

Afternoon tea is a great way to pass the time but for Angels' Closet is a great way to raise money.

Angels' Closet Charities is a non-profit organization that collects new or gently used clothing and gives them to high school students in need. The organization goes to lengths to ensure that students have an uplifting experience getting the casual, formal and business wear they need to ensure they are comfortable and successful in high school.

Angels' Closet hosted a Tea Party at Martha Green's Eating Room in Redlands. Hundreds of women participated during one of the three days of the fundraiser.

"I can't believe the support we have had," said Pat Williams, founder and president of the charity.

The first day of the fundraiser on September 8 it sold out. The second and third day there was a full house. Women came to not only enjoy the tea but to support a worthy cause.

Angels' Closet is housed at Redlands East Valley High School

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Angels' Closet Charities, which collects clothing for high school students in need, hosted a fundraising tea party on Sept. 8-10.

Plymouth Village hosts Gala



Plymouth Village is hosting a Gala Dinner and Live Auction on September 17 at 6 p.m. at the Main Dining Room at Plymouth Village to benefit the Plymouth Village Foundation. There will be a special performance by The Le Van Family

Plymouth Village, a continuing care retirement community owned and managed by American Baptist Homes of the West, has provided outstanding service and care for seniors since 1959. The Plymouth Village Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization which provides financial support through its endowment fund for Plymouth Village residents who have had the great fortune of living long lives, however, through no fault of their own, have outlived their financial resources. Each year, the fund provides direct benefit to residents with demonstrated financial need.

Seating is limited at the Gala Dinner and Live Auction. Advanced ticket purchases are encouraged.

For more information go to <http://www.plymouthvillage.org/gala>.

Big Kahuna Luau dinner and dance



The Joslyn Senior Center will host the Big Kahuna Luau Dinner and Dance, from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, sponsored by the City of Redlands Recreation and Senior Services Division of the Quality of Life Department.

Entertainment will be provided by Dan Damon and a delicious catered dinner is included. Island dress is recommended to complete the mood.

Tickets are \$11 in advance and \$12 at the door, or \$10 with a patron card.

The Joslyn Center is located at 21 Grant St. For information, contact the center at (909) 798-7550.

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Housing Authority awards scholarships to 10 students



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2011 Scholarship recipients (left to right): Evelyn Amez, Jashe Lee, Shawn Jackson, Shrlley Willson, Linda Ton, Jessca Espinoza, Wendy Padron, Isis Eskander, Sultana Dillion and Angelica Mosqueda.

The Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino (HACSB) awarded 10 students a college scholarship to help them pay for their education expenses. The selection committee reviewed almost 50 applications from Housing Authority clients, and narrowing the selection to 10 was a tough decision.

For 20 years, the Housing Authority has been awarding college scholarships to students, in a commitment to helping students succeed in college. Students attending a four-year college or university received a \$1,000 scholarship while community and technical/vocational students received a \$500 scholarship. The Housing Authority uses non-public funds to promote educational success among their participants.

This year's scholarship recipients are attending one of the following colleges/universities: University of California, Los Angeles; University of California, Merced; California State University, San Bernardino; Biola University; Summit Career College; or San Bernardino Valley College. Their areas of study include majors such

as: biology, business management, film, human resources, liberal arts, nursing, psychology, and social work.

"We are pleased to be able to continue the scholarship program for two decades, especially as tuition costs are on the rise. Even though the scholarships are small monetary contributions, we know it helps these students through their educational journey," states Susan Benner, HACSB's Executive Director.

The scholarship recipients were also greeted by Bisrat Gebrekristos (pictured to the right), a former Housing Authority resident who also received a college scholarship in 1994 and is now a Neonatologist with Kaiser Permanente.

In her statement to this year's scholarship recipients she reminisced on how the financial assistance helped encourage her to continue her education. She also reminded them that reaching their educational goals won't be easy, but in the long run the results are worth it.

Her encouraging words reassured the awardees to continue their endeavors despite any obstacles they may face in life.

No-cost green training programs for veterans

The San Bernardino County Workforce Investment Board seeks 100 veterans to participate in free job training programs. These training programs will teach the skills needed for green jobs available with local employers. Green industries include solar panel maintenance and installation, sustainable and recycled products manufacturing, transportation and logistics using alternative fuels and hundreds of other industries according to the grant.

Participants can enter training certificate courses paid for by this grant, or On-the-Job Training,

where a portion of their wages are reimbursed while they train on the job. Welding and HVAC certification courses are currently being launched. Other training courses will be determined based upon the job interests of the participants. Post-training job placement assistance is also available.

"We are grateful for the commitment made by all our County's courageous veterans," said Josie Gonzales, Chair and County of San Bernardino Fifth District Supervisor. "We hope to see as many veterans as possible seize this opportunity for job training and job placement through this grant."

Interested veterans may apply through their local San Bernardino One-Stop Employment Resource Center located in Rancho Cucamonga, San Bernardino or Hesperia. A social security card and DD214 paperwork are required. Fifty of these participants must be veterans separated within the last 48 months. The other fifty participants may have been discharged at any time to qualify. Accepting training paid for by federal grant funding does not affect a veteran's G.I. Bill.

"Employers in the transportation and manufacturing industries are still seeking workers with special-

ized skills, and this training will prepare some of our returning heroes to enter these fields," said Sandy Harmsen, Executive Director of the Workforce Investment Board and Director of Workforce Development for the County of San Bernardino.

The program is funded by a grant that the County received in collab-

oration with Kern County Employers' Training Resource. The deadline for veterans to complete their no-cost training and obtain a job certification is March 31, 2012.

To find the location of the nearest San Bernardino County One-Stop Employment Resource Center, please visit www.sbcounty.gov/esbwin/wia.htm.

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